

OTTAWA JEWISH BULLETIN & REVIEW

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President's Report

Sol B. Shinder



Since assuming office on June 20, 1979, your Officers and Executive Committee as well as the Board of Trustees have dealt with many matters. It is my purpose to review in a general way what has occurred over the past twelve months and to report on the state of our community. Much of what regularly occurs throughout the community is administered through the standing committees, the beneficiary agencies and the affiliated organizations. Their individual reports touch on their programs and, I shall therefore deal with items of broad communal interest.

Following their election, your Officers met on a regular basis commencing on July 4, 1979 and continuing monthly until June 12, 1980. The Board of Trustees also met regularly commencing with a special meeting on July 19, 1979. We embarked upon this year with the hope of involving the Trustees to a greater degree in the affairs of the Council. I am happy to report that the attendance at our Trustees' meetings was significantly increased over previous years. As a result, the Council had a broader cross-section of viewpoints on the various issues which came before the meetings.

We began our term with a Special Meeting of the Officers and the Executive Committee which was convened to discuss priorities and problem areas as perceived by them individually. The day-long meeting accomplished its purpose and the goals and priorities for the year were adopted.

Unfortunately, we did not successfully accomplish all which we had identified. We did make some progress and in this report, I will highlight a few of those areas.

Integrated, Planning and Budgeting Process

Early in the process, a report was received recommending the establishment of an integrated planning, budgeting and allocations system. In years past, the allocation of funds occurred following the conclusion of the annual campaign when we were already into the next fiscal year. The agencies operate on a July 1-June 30 fiscal period. This system of allocations made it difficult for the agencies to establish forward budgets without knowing precisely what their funding would be and in turn, it was an impossible situation for the Allocations Committee to deal with the budget which had already been implemented and was virtually half-spent.

With the adoption of the integrated, planning and budgeting system, a number of panels were established, being principally the Jewish Education Panel, the Communal and Group Services Panel, the Social Services Panel and the National and Overseas Services Panel. The objective was that the panels would commence meeting and involve the various agencies in the process. The allocation of 1980 campaign revenue would not be handled through the new process but would be phased in so that the

system will become completely operative during fiscal 1980-81.

As a result of the implementation of the partial new system, the Budget and Allocations Committee for the 1980 year has been meeting this month so in fact the allocations for the forthcoming year have been moved up six months. Hopefully, in the year 1980-81 we will again move the allocations system up a few months so that prior to the fiscal year 1981-82, the budgeting process will be completed in the spring of 1981 and our agencies can truly be able to do some forward planning based upon figures which will be established well in advance.

The meeting of the panels will allow for various agencies to undertake a broader view of our communal needs and for each of the panels to develop a set of priorities for the community within their areas of responsibility. It will then be up to the overall Planning and Budgeting Committee to review their priorities and budgets and to resolve the difficult balancing of these priorities. Recommendations for allocations based upon a set of established priorities and a recognition of our communal needs will be put forward to the Board of Trustees.

Jewish Social Services Agency of Ottawa-Carleton

In 1977-78, the Social Services Needs Study recommended the establishment of a two-year pilot project of social services. The result of this recommendation was the establishment of the Jewish Information and Referral Service and the Services for the Jewish Elderly. Upon the completion of the two-year experimental program, your Board of Trustees adopted a recommendation for the establishment of a Jewish Social Services Agency. The upshot of that resolution was the incorporation of the Jewish Social Services Agency of Ottawa-Carleton. This step has placed social services in our community on a permanent basis. It is becoming evident that the needs of our community in the areas of social services is ever-increasing and I am happy to report that the Agency is now functioning with professional staff and a full complement of dedicated volunteers. The role of this Agency in the future will no doubt be expanded as the needs in the community demand.

New Community Complex

We commenced the year with visions of obtaining a new site for the community complex. The results of investigations into potential sites and changes in the economic climate in the community resulted in little perceptible change in the position from a year ago. Recently there have been positive developments with the decisions made by the Ottawa Board of Education for the closing of a number of public schools in the City of Ottawa. Inquiries have been made of the Ottawa Board of Education as to the possibility of our obtaining one of these schools and hopefully in the forthcoming year will result in

progress towards our obtaining a new site for a community complex.

If and when such a facility becomes available to the community, very difficult decisions will have to be made by your Board of Trustees. The major issue will be whether we wish to undertake obligations which will be the logical result of such an acquisition. In light of the difficulties we have encountered in our fund-raising activities over the past few years, this decision will be one of the more onerous ones which your communal leaders will have faced in the last decade.

Community Relations and Canada-Israel Committee

One of the recommendations of the Executive was for the integration of the Community Relations Committee with the local Canada-Israel Committee to provide for a more comprehensive community information system. The result of this decision was an Israel update series which was one of the most successful educational programs undertaken in recent memory. This program was under the sponsorship of the Community Relations Committee in association with the Jewish Community Centre and the various Synagogues and Temples in the community. The members of this committee chaired by Rabbi Irving Schreier and Murray Ages deserve our congratulations.

Fund-Raising

Over the past few years, we have been experiencing difficulty in raising the level of the contributions to the United Jewish Appeal. By and large, our fund-raising activities have been relatively flat. The campaigns have resulted in approximately \$2,200,000. being contributed. The needs of our community are increasing as a result of the inflationary trends of the economy and the expanded services which the community requires.

Fortunately, the educational systems in our community are being utilized fully and they are in the position of requiring more funds in order to provide for adequate Jewish education for our children. Expanding the services which are required by our people is on one hand a sign of a vibrant active community while on the other hand, it is a problem in that we have limited funds within which to provide these services.

Leadership in the United Jewish Appeal is a continuing problem and we must find ways of attracting more people to participate in the campaign. It is only through this participation that we are going to be able to expand the number of donors and the level of giving. This past year, there has been a notable success in the campaign under the leadership of Lorry Greenberg and his Campaign Committee, and the area of involvement of young people in the campaign. This development is in a direct result of the work carried out last year by the Young Peoples' Division of United Jewish Appeal and was expanded upon this year and by the somewhat older Young Business and Professional Group, and a more active students' program

and the establishment of a High School Division. The work of these young people in the campaign will, no doubt, reap benefits in years to come.

If we expect expanded services and the survival of our institutions, we must get greater participation in the campaign, "the tachlis" aspect of our work.

Jewish Students Union

The Jewish Students Union has just completed the first year of its re-birth in the community. Thanks to the active participation of the B'nai B'rith Lodges, we were able to arrange a joint program which allowed for the Jewish Students Union to have a full-time staff person and a more expanded program this year. This has resulted in a greater degree of participation by the young people on the university campuses and their participation in communal activities has been notable throughout the year.

National Organizations

During the course of this past year, we have had representatives of our community on the Boards of many of our national organizations. We are represented on the National Executive of the United Israel Appeal of Canada by Norman Zagerman who is one of the National Vice-Presidents of that organization. We are once again taking a more active role in the affairs of Canadian Jewish Congress and our Immediate Past President, Gilbert Greenberg represents us on the National Officers' Committee.

We have made representation to the Canadian Jewish Congress for the creation of a National Capital Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress. I would expect that some time during the forthcoming year, the new Officers of that body under the leadership of Professor Irwin Cotler will be dealing with this matter and your new Executive will be making further representations in this regard.

During the course of the year, we had the privilege of welcoming to our community His Excellency Yeshayahu Anug, the new Ambassador of Israel to Canada and Mrs. Anug. We also bade farewell to his predecessor, His Excellency Mordechai Shalev and Mrs. Shalev.

The Board of Trustees was increased by the granting of formal membership to Adath Shalom Congregation who completed their one-year waiting period required pursuant to the constitution. At our last Trustees' meeting, representatives were received from the Teen Council and I am happy to report that next year, they too will be sending representatives to our monthly Trustees' meetings.

The activities of your Board during the past year could not have been carried out without the active participation of the elected Officers and members of the Executive Committee. I wish to express my gratitude to all of them for their support and patience. The dedication of our professional executive staff is also deserving of note, for we are blessed with a dedicated group led by Hy Hochberg. To all of them, I wish to publicly convey my thanks.

The Offices and Board of Trustees
of the Jewish Community Council
wish you and your families
a safe and enjoyable summer

Community Relations — C.I.C.

Murray Ages, Rabbi Irving Schreier,
Co-Chairmen



In January, 1980 the Canada Israel Committee and the Community Relations Committee decided to join forces and combine their activities. It was decided to concentrate on two areas. The first was the organization of a series of seminars to be held at various community institutions where current problems facing Israel would be presented and discussed. On the premise that a well informed Jewish public is the best weapon against P.L.O. and Arab propaganda, it was hoped that the seminars would work as an educational tool to counter these dangers.

Under the general heading of the Middle-East Update four seminars were carried through during the current season, co-sponsored by the Committee and community institutions. These were:

February 17 — "Israel and Her Neighbours", co-sponsored with the Jewish Community Centre. Speakers: His Excellency Yeshayahu Anug, Ambassador of Israel to Canada and Mark Resnick, Acting National Director, Canada-Israel Committee.

March 23 — "The P.L.O. and Palestinian Rights", Speaker: Professor Irwin Cotler, Professor of

Law, McGill University.

April 13 — Israel's Foreign Policy — Speaker: Professor Gabriel Ben-Dor, Israeli Political Scientist.

April 22 — Israel Under Attack, Crisis Within and Without, Speaker Harry Hurwitz, Advisor to Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

The seminars were an outstanding success, as illustrated by overflow attendance and lively discussions.

Our second objective was the formation of a special sub-committee which would meet regularly for the purpose of monitoring and responding to press articles and Letters to the Editor on the subject of the Middle-East.

The Media Monitoring and Response Committee was set-up in April, 1980 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Eli Rabin. Regular weekly meetings are held during which the members discuss appropriate responses to Anti-Israel propaganda in the media.

It is hoped that the two projects instituted by the Canada Israel-Community Relations Committee will be continued in the future with the same enthusiasm and success that has characterized their activities this year.

Jewish Community Refugee Committee

Rabbi Irving Schreier, Chairman



During the summer of 1979 the Jewish Community Council, through its Community Relations Committee, involved itself in Project 4000. A special sub-committee was formed for the purpose of organizing, encouraging and co-ordinating activities in the Jewish Community on behalf of South-East Asian Refugees. Functioning as an umbrella organization, our Committee was able to work directly with the federal Department of Manpower and Immigration, thus facilitating the work of our sponsorship groups.

The aims of the Committee were 1) to embark on a limited fund-raising campaign within the Jewish community on behalf of South-East Asian Refugees and 2) to assist in the formation of sponsorship groups. Our objective was the sponsorship of fifty individuals.

The limited fund-raising campaign that was launched resulted in contributions to the Refugee Fund from quite a number of individuals. Regrettably, our goal of sponsoring fifty refugees was not met; however, in comparison with other denominations and organizations connected with Project 4000, the Jewish community of Ottawa acquitted itself very favourably.

I would like to commend the following sponsorship groups under our aegis:

1. Agudath Israel-Machzikei Hadas — sponsored a family of eight;
2. Beth Shalom Congregation — sponsored a family of three;
3. Exodus Refugee Fund — sponsored a family of seven;
4. Foon Ying Group — sponsored a family of five;
5. H & S Refugee Fund — sponsored a family of seven; for a total of thirty individuals.

Holocaust Committee

Mendel Good, Chairman



This report covers four major activities of the Ottawa Holocaust Committee:

1. Taping of Oral History of Holocaust Survivors
2. Holocaust Exhibit
3. Holocaust Seminar for Teachers
4. Yom Ha Shoah

Taping of Oral History of Holocaust Survivors

In November of 1979 an announcement was made by the Holocaust Committee in the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin, that the Committee was interested in hearing from Holocaust survivors for the purpose of taping their experiences for the Archives of the National Holocaust office. Of those who replied to our invitation, six people came to recount their experiences. Included among them was a Dutch gentleman who turned out to be of the Righteous Gentiles, and who, unknown to us, had been living in Ottawa for many years. It was a moving experience for all concerned, and the Holocaust Archives will be enriched by the tapes that were made at that time.

Holocaust Exhibit

This year the Holocaust Committee in conjunction with the Jewish Community Centre presented a program never before attempted. With the aid of the Canadian War Museum and the interest and generosity of survivors or their relatives, a Holocaust exhibit was mounted at the Jewish Community Centre from April 13 through April 17. Under the guidance of tour leaders, over 1,000 young people

visited the exhibit during the five days that it was open.

Holocaust Seminar for Teachers

The same day, April 13, a Seminar was held on the topic "Teaching About the Holocaust". Special guest lecturers came from Montreal to demonstrate their methods of teaching this subject. Participants were given resource materials and bibliography about the Holocaust. As part of the Seminar, they also visited the Holocaust Exhibit. More than 30 teachers participated.

Yom Ha Shoah

The annual Yom Ha Shoah observance took place on June 1, 1980 at the site of the Ottawa Holocaust Memorial. Rabbi Dr. Reuven Bulka was the keynote speaker, and Sol Shinder brought greetings from the Jewish Community Council. His Excellency, Yeshayahu Anug, Ambassador of Israel to Canada was also present. Cantor Pinchas Levinson and the Choir of the Machzikei Hadas Congregation were responsible for the musical portion of the program. As in the past, a moment of silence followed the lighting of the memorial flames by six Holocaust survivors. All community schools participated in the program, and Sarah Davis read her prize-winning essay, "Impressions of the Holocaust".

I wish to express my appreciation to the Holocaust Committee for their dedication and commitment to the goal of making the Holocaust a vital part of the life and memory of our community.

Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and Review

Jeff Bien, Editor



Seven months ago, in my first editorial, I stated that the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and Review is not the New York Times nor does it profess to be. Nonetheless it is an informative medium which serves a sizeable and active Jewish community. It has improved immensely during the years and it is my hope that positive changes will continue in order that the publication may better serve the interests of the community.

As I outlined in yet another editorial, the Bulletin has always encountered a deadline dilemma. For that reason I have remade a schedule for contributions and, more recently, made it clear that submissions will not be accepted after the Thursday deadline.

The first and most critical factor affecting the arrival of the Bulletin is an old thorn in the journalist's side: the ever efficient Canada postal service. Copies, for example, mailed Thursday may arrive the following Monday (if it travels with G-d's blessing), Tuesday (if it doesn't), Wednesday, Thursday or Friday (if the Posties have had a bad week). No slur here is meant on the Canadian postal service which at times has been indeed laudable.

A second factor affecting publication deadline is the condition of copy received by the paper. Though not the general case (thankfully), all too often copy is received in poor grammatical order, verbosely stated or scribbled on scraps of paper in handwriting G-d himself would not fault me for failing to decipher. (Contributions falling into the latter category are sent back to the contributor). Finally

and most relevantly copy is all too often late and therefore must be omitted from the issue at hand.

Pursuing the letter rather than the spirit of the journalistic code within the confines of the Jewish community would seem to be an inappropriate response. However, in order to ensure the Bulletin's continued delivery, deadlines must be enforced and a business atmosphere maintained.

At a recent meeting of the Bulletin Committee, the financial outlay of the paper was examined along with editorial and advertising policies in general and it was decided to seek a part-time advertising sales representative with commission incentive.

A report was given on content analysis for the period from July 1, 1979 to January 1, 1980 and it was found that for the most part figures were similar to those of last year. The percentage contributions of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir and Jewish Community Centre were somewhat higher.

The general consensus of the Committee was that the Bulletin and Review, as the major vehicle for communicating with the Jewish community of Ottawa, is relatively inexpensive, highly efficient and generally well received. Suggestions for improvement included a more diversified coverage of the community, perhaps highlighting controversial issues from time to time; to examine more closely the editorial policy of the paper — its goals, objectives and mandate.

As an addendum, I wish to thank the community for its generally warm reception since becoming editor.

Budget & Allocations

Chick Taylor, Chairman

The U.J.A. Budget and Allocations Committee has the responsibility of analysing programs and budgets of the beneficiary agencies of the United Jewish Appeal and of recommending the allocation of campaign income to the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees. Because of the importance of its tasks, the committee is composed of Officers of the Vaad and campaign and senior community leadership.

In order to come up with the recommendations for the distribution of the 1979 income, the members of the committee held three significant meetings and brought their recommendations to a special community-wide gathering of the Board of Trustees. They had received advance copies of the audited financial statements and budgets of all of the agencies. Most of the time was taken up in reviewing this documentary material with representatives of each group. These exchanges are a necessary part of the budgetary process because they go beyond the figures in determining philosophy, purpose and priority of the services provided.

On the basis of our examination and discussion, my committee made recommendations respecting the disposition of the 1979 campaign income. Proposals were approved by the Board of Trustees. Analysis by agencies together with a breakdown of all campaign expenses will be available at the Annual Meeting on June 25. Copies can be obtained from the Jewish Community Council office.

For purposes of this report, however, I would like to point out that after deducting campaign expenses and a shrinkage allowance, just under \$2.1 million was available for distribution to the beneficiaries. Of this amount, 60.1% was allocated to the United Israel Appeal for Israel and National Services in Canada. Local community services accounted for the remaining 39.9%. Of this amount, Jewish education received 46%; Cultural and Recreational agencies, 32%; and Communal and Social Services, 22%.

The basic problem we face in the distribution of campaign in-

come is the attempt to reconcile our responsibilities to Israel on one hand with the need to maintain a viable Jewish existence in our own community on the other hand. On occasion, painful decisions have to be made. There is never enough money to satisfy all of the requests and the only way we make do with what we have is by establishing priorities. Even so, there is a limit beyond which we cannot go, resulting in deficit financing by several of our Ottawa-based institutions. This year, the Board of Trustees endorsed a Capital Retirement Plan to eliminate the accumulated deficits which the agencies had built up over the last ten years. We have asked that the local agencies refrain from deficit financing in the future.

We have also taken steps to set in motion an Integrated Planning, Budget and Allocations System. The new system is designed to produce information before and not after the fact. The concept of the new system is that the Planning, Budget and Allocations Committee will set guidelines in the fall of the year preceding allocations and relay these guidelines to four panels on the following areas of service: Communal and Group Services, Social Services, Jewish Education, and National and Overseas Services. The panels will be able to have a prior understanding of agency programs, get a look at the agency needs, and report to the Central Planning, Budget and Allocations Committee early enough to reflect the knowledge of the agencies prior to the fiscal year. The planning and budgeting panels have already met to begin to get an understanding of the programs and budgets of each of the agencies.

The net result is that the review of agency budgets will have taken place before the fiscal year, and not after. Recommendations for the distribution of 1980 campaign income will hopefully be in July as compared with November or December in past years.

I wish to thank the members of my committee and the members of the Planning and Budgeting panels for their diligent application to the responsibilities with which we were entrusted.



Shalom Welcome Service

Lawrence Pascoe, Chairman



The Shalom Welcome Service had its most successful year of operation since it was founded three years ago. More volunteer newcomers were involved and more newcomers were welcomed than in the previous years. A total of 117 newcomers were welcomed. There are two reasons for this years success — firstly through the participation of Freda Frankell, the Va'ad's executive assistant, the service was more organized and secondly there was a bigger campaign through advertising to let newcomers and Ottawans know of the service's existence and purpose.

The purpose of the service is twofold. Firstly it is to give a warm welcome to newcomers to Ottawa as soon as possible after their arrival and secondly to inform the newcomers of the many organizations and activities available in the Ottawa Jewish community and Ottawa in general. It is recognized that not only do we owe Jewish newcomers a warm welcome but a properly welcomed and informed family or individual will integrate faster and better into the Jewish community. This integration is obviously good for the newcomers but is also necessary for the Ottawa Jewish community so to have the people to support the growing work that the community does.

The methods of operation of the service basically stayed the

same as in previous years. Newcomers were personally welcomed by volunteers who would visit them at their homes soon after the service knew of their existence. The volunteer would answer the newcomers questions about Ottawa as well as bring a bottle of wine and a Shalom Welcome Service pamphlet about the Ottawa Jewish community. In November there was a very successful wine and cheese party for all newcomers and the volunteers held at the JCC. Over 150 attended the event. Newcomers got a chance to meet other newcomers as well as being entertained and welcomed by our president Sol Shinder.

The service's mandate from the Vaad and the present manpower does not allow the service to do more than the welcoming it does. The service is not there to handle serious problems such as unemployment that the newcomers may have. The service is also not there to collect names for any individual or any organization wanting to solicit newcomers for any reason.

Of course, like every other organization there is still lots of room for improvement. Names of newcomers often reach the office months after the newcomers arrive. It is hoped that a greater awareness of our existence and purpose by the community will help solve this problem.

Leadership Development

Gerald Levitz, Chairman



The approved Terms of Reference for the Standing Committee on Leadership Development read as follows:

"To recruit young men and women with potential for communal leadership; to develop a training program which will give the participants an understanding of the dynamics of Jewish community organization and overall needs and goals; to provide opportunities for education and discussion leading to positive Jewish identification; to arrange for placement on Boards and Committees at the conclusion of the orientation process; and to administer the budget."

The Leadership Development Group has just finished nine months of programming which began in September of 1979. The activities consisted of monthly sessions and/or seminars on topics ranging from the United Jewish Appeal and its structure and operation, to budget and allocations, the politics of the Middle East, and leadership skills.

The Leadership Development Group also ran an Observer Program, which placed its twenty members on Boards and Committees of the Jewish Community Council and its beneficiary agencies in an observer status. The

eventual aim of the group is to place members permanently on Boards and Committees of the Jewish Community Council and its beneficiary agencies.

This will be my final report as Chairman of Leadership Development for the Vaad, completing a three year involvement. This kind of activity, in my opinion, is a critical necessity for our community. With appropriate assistance from a member of the community, and the excellent support available from the Council, this kind of program can and should continue.

I would like to thank particularly Mr. Asher and Mr. Hochberg for their assistance.



Women's Committee

Dorothy Nadolny, Chairman



The main focus of the Women's Committee during the past year has been on the Community Calendar. Because of the expansion of the Ottawa Jewish community and the consequent increase in communal activities, the maintenance of a viable, coordinated Community Calendar posed a number of problems. The Women's Committee attempted to overcome conflicts and

duplication in dates at several meetings with representatives of community organizations. I am happy to report that with the good will of all concerned, most conflicts sorted themselves out.

I would like to thank our community organizations for their help and cooperation, and to express the hope that this fine spirit will continue to guide the work of the Women's Committee.

United Jewish Appeal

Lorry Greenberg, General Chairman



The 1980 United Jewish Appeal campaign has been characterized by an intensive effort to reach the goal of \$2.5 million which was established as the amount required to fund our local and national agencies and our share of the social welfare programs which the Jewish Agency operates in Israel on behalf of world Jewry.

On June 18, statistics prepared for our weekly report meetings showed that we have received total pledges of just over \$1,800.00. so far. On a card-for-card comparison, we are running 9.8% ahead of last year. While this is a credible showing, cards for over half a million dollars in 1979 values are still in the hands of canvassers. Based on an analysis of the names and amounts on the list, I estimate that we will end up ahead of last year's \$2.2 million but still some 10% short of what we said would be our minimum goal. All things considered, that is respectable but I cannot help but feel some disappointment that we were not able to give our beneficiaries the full amounts they require for their programs and operations.

Administratively we were well organized. We started to plan early and we involved more people from all segments of the community than ever before. My objective was to bring everyone front and centre, to make each component feel an integral part of the entire U.J.A. family. The mix included veteran canvassers, new recruits and many young people. Among the most heartening developments of all was the expansion of our young peoples' divisions and the introduction of a Challenge Division with responsibility for tackling the several hundred non-givers of past years.

Structurally, the campaign was divided into five major groupings, each headed by an Associate Campaign Chairman. They were Hy Soloway for Top Gifts and Special Names; Jack Krane for Trades & Professions; Lisa Cogan for the Women's Division; Dr. Shier Berman for the Public Service Divisions; and Simone Goldberg for Promotion and Special Events. Each had their coordinators, divisional chairmen and campaign cabinets. Together they made a formidable team which, at its peak, had some four hundred volunteers involved in the process. Space does not permit me to list all of their names at this time but you may be sure that I will thank each of them personally for the part they played in the success of our drive.

Most of the team was in place by mid-January when seventeen of us left on a seven-day fact-finding Mission to Israel. In my judgment, the Mission was an outstanding success and was a catalyst around which much of our campaign activity centered. The Mission members increased their contributions by an average of 40%. Aside from the monetary considerations, all accepted positions of responsibility in the campaign. They came back highly motivated and their enthusiasm infected others.

Since a grounding in the purposes of the campaign and the way in which the monies raised are spent, is essential we placed

add emphasis this year on the training of our canvassers. Each Division had a minimum of two meetings for orientation and card-distribution. We leaned heavily on films, slide presentations, written materials and an excellent videotape presentation on local needs put together by Simone Goldberg and her committee. The Bulletin was the major vehicle for the dissemination of information to the community at large. We also had the co-operation of the Rabbis who used their pulpits on many occasions to advance the cause of the United Jewish Appeal. A regular newsletter was published and sent to every volunteer worker every two weeks.

I personally met with the Boards of several of our major institutions and urge my successor to do the same. We also had plans for a series of city-wide home gatherings at which we had hoped to engage couples and individuals in some of the problems facing the community. Only a few materialized but the results were healthy enough to convince me that this approach has many possibilities and should be intensified.

Although the Walkathon was slightly off in absolute numbers, the event once again demonstrated the potential of this activity for family participation, as an expression of community solidarity and as a means of raising additional funds in a painless and fun-filled way. The Arrangements Committee is to be commended on its organization and planning.

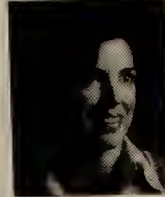
The campaign will officially close on Wednesday evening, July 2 with a tribute to our volunteer workers. Shortly after that, I shall submit a detailed report to the Executive Committee of the Vaad. In the meantime, based on my experience this year, I would offer the following recommendations:

1. The 1981 Chairman must be appointed as soon as possible.
2. Target dates are of critical importance. Thus, deadlines for completion should be established for each category and the necessary checks and balances initiated to give effect to such a plan.
3. The snowbird phenomenon appears to be here to stay. Hence, major gifts should be solicited before the exodus to the south begins in earnest.
4. A spirit of good-natured competition could accelerate card coverage. To that end, I feel it is necessary to publish progress reports by each Division in each issue of the Bulletin.
5. A task force of highly-committed canvassers should be recruited and trained intensively for Special Names card coverage.
6. One hundred target names should be selected for Operation Upgrade.
7. The Mission program should be continued.

I close with expressions of gratitude to all of the people with whom I have been privileged to work and to all of the donors who have made the Ottawa Jewish community an example for others to emulate.

Women's Division United Jewish Appeal

Lisa Cogan, Chairman



The 1980 campaign started in August, 1979 and has been ongoing since then.

In August, we met not only to update the cards but also to examine the various categories. Several new categories were created, two of which are "Business Women" and "Newcomers".

During September, initial drafts of the new cabinet were drawn up, as were job descriptions.

The proposed vice-chairladies of the new cabinet were approached in October. It had been decided that we would use four vice-chairladies over last year's three in that there would be more fund-raising categories in 1980 and in that we wanted to maintain a close rapport within the cabinet.

November brought the General Assembly to Montreal. Many of our cabinet were in a position to take advantage of the sessions. Everyone came away with useful ideas which we hoped to implement in the upcoming campaign.

In December, prior to the school break, the last few chairladies were confirmed and several small meetings took place to map out the overall campaign strategy and publicity.

On January 29, we had our first full cabinet meeting. Again, this year it was agreed that this year no cards would be distributed to a canvasser unless the canvasser had been to a training session and had made her pledge. It was also decided that we would again host our annual "President's Prelude" as well as our annual "Cabinet Refresher".

Our cabinet refresher took place on February 18 and was directed by Gittel Tatz. Gittel was particularly effective in that she has a real feel for the Ottawa campaign. She reviewed canvassing techniques on all levels which proved to be very effective later in the campaign.

We were fortunate this year to have a community wide "Refresher" on February 28. A team from New York spent a full day and one evening with community members and the U.J.A. cabinet. Some new and worthwhile ideas were exchanged during this fruitful session.

This year, Gittel Tatz and I led the Women's Division, National U.J.A. Mission to Israel and Egypt. There were four Ottawa participants. Project Renewal and Keren Hayesod achievements were the main focal points. Ethel

Taylor, Bessie Davy, Gittel and I all came home with a sense of purpose and enthusiasm which we hope we transmitted throughout the campaign.

On March 9 and 12, we conducted our all-day canvasser training sessions "Coffee, Kits and Thee" organized as a "drop in" and by the end of March 12, the bulk of cards had been distributed and most canvassing had begun.

The President's Prelude was graciously hosted by Merida Sachs on March 24. As always the response was good, and during this function, we officially commenced our campaign.

March 25 was the date of the "Newcomers" Luncheon. Mrs. Anug, wife of Israel's Ambassador to Canada, was the hostess and we used the occasion to educate Ottawa's new residents as to the needs and purpose of U.J.A. in Ottawa and in Israel. Mrs. Anug made some particularly moving comments in her address to the gathering.

Phone-A-Pledge started on schedule in April and within two weeks, all the cards had been successfully completed under the expert guidance of Ethel Taylor.

Our wind-up function was a fashion show luncheon held at the Community Centre. The attendance was absolutely remarkable. Over 250 ladies attended. New pledges were obtained and some cards returned. The whole day was so successful, it was suggested that a similar function be held next year.

The U.J.A. Kovod Evening on July 2 is the date on which our campaign is expected to be completed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the cabinet and canvassers for their superb effort and commitment. I would also like to particularly thank Simone Goldberg for coming to my aid above and beyond the call of duty. I can truly say that the campaign would not be the success it is without her. The fact that our campaign has gone over its goal is a direct result of her fine touch and tireless efforts.

In addition, a special thanks to everyone within the office staff. Their full co-operation, headed by Hy Hochberg and Freda Frankel made the impossible possible.

It has been a stimulating and rewarding year and I wish everything good to the community for which we have all worked.

The General Chairman and Campaign Cabinet of the 1980 United Jewish Appeal

express their appreciation to
all contributors for their
generosity and support

"Now more than ever, we are one"

Women's Committee for Soviet Jewry

Ruth Berger, Chairman



The Ottawa Women's Committee for Soviet Jewry is a committee of the Vaad. Informally known as the Group of 35 after the 35 founding members of a similar group in London, England, there are now over 90 women affiliated in Ottawa and groups in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver. No annual dues are charged, any concerned woman is welcome to join.

The opening meeting of the Ottawa Women's Committee for Soviet Jewry was enriched by the presence of Ilana Friedman, sister of imprisoned activist Ida Nudel. Mrs. Friedman spoke movingly of her sister's terrible plight. The Committee later collected over 400 signatures for her release as part of a national effort on Ida Nudel's behalf.

The Women's Committee proposed and co-sponsored with Agudath Israel Synagogue the first annual Anatoly Shcharansky lecture on Soviet Jewry. More than 300 people attended this outstanding lecture which was given by Dr. Irwin Cotler, lawyer for Anatoly Shcharansky and Professor of Law at McGill University, shortly after he was ousted from the U.S.S.R. last fall. This was the largest attendance for any Soviet Jewry educational

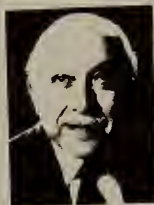
event in five years.

The Women's Committee actively supported Rabbi Donald Gerber's annual Simchat Torah rally. This spirit of co-operation continued with a demonstration organized by the Women's Committee and led of Dr. Gerhard Hertzberg to protest the banishment of Dr. Andrei Sakharov. This large rally received national coverage in both electronic and print media.

The Ottawa Women's Committee for Soviet Jewry is also a resource centre for other groups. To fulfill this educational role, members of the group spoke to the Hebrew High School, the Kadimah Chapter of Ort and others. We also provided a liaison for visiting spokesmen and press conferences for Dr. Irwin Cotler, Mrs. Ilana Friedman, Dr. Lev Ulanovsky and Rudolph Barshai, former conductor of the Leningrad chamber orchestra and now conductor of the New Israeli Symphony. The articles that appeared in the media as a result convinces us that the story of the Jews in the U.S.S.R. must be told repeatedly and from many different angles.

Jewish Community Cemetery of Ottawa

Hyman Gould, Chairman



The Jewish Community Cemetery of Ottawa, situated on Highway 31 (Bank Street South) is composed of individual sections owned by Congregations Agudath Israel, Beth Shalom and Machzikei Hadas. The ten-acre site has served the community for over seventy-five years.

Congregations Temple Israel and Young Israel were apportioned sections in the New Jewish Community Cemetery when it opened in 1976.

The Cemetery is well-maintained and compares favourably in appearance with cemeteries anywhere. There are always some problems during the winter season but they are all well-handled.

The Holocaust Memorial serves as a focal point for the entire community at all times and particularly for the second annual memorial observance which recently took place.

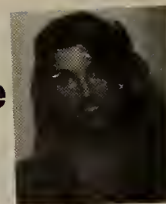
The Annual Memorial Service held on the cemetery grounds prior to Rosh Hashanah was well-attended. A short and meaningful service was held. The appreciation of the community is extended to the clergy, to Jacob Landau, the Gabbai of the Chevra Kadisha and to the men and women of his organization for their devoted efforts throughout the course of the year.

Nathan Marcus, the Cemetery Supervisor, continues to do an excellent job in caring for and maintaining the grounds and we thank him. Sam Marcovitch is in charge of floral decorations on a private basis.

I extend my thanks to the Vaad for making its resources and staff available to the Cemetery Committee as well as appreciation to my colleagues on the Committee who represent Congregations Agudath Israel, Beth Shalom, Machzikei Hadas, Temple Israel and Young Israel.

Reception Committee for Newcomers

Ronnie Gavsie, Chairman



The Ladies Reception Committee for Newcomers had its inception 24 years ago, born of the recognition that newcomers to any community needed someone to make them feel welcome and to help dispel the notion that they were "strangers". The following year, a tremendous impetus to the thought was imparted by the arrival in Ottawa of a number of Hungarian Jewish refugees, uprooted from their homes, but who were made welcome and introduced to the warmth of the Ottawa Jewish Community.

The number of member workers of the Ladies Reception Committee for Newcomers was established and maintained at 18. They plan, arrange, and provide hospitality for newcomers twice a year, in one of their homes. They seek out those who are new to Ottawa and provide them with the

opportunity to meet others and make friends. Each of the 18 members is an active worker.

Two planning meetings were held in 1979 to plan and arrange for newcomers teas. The 45th tea since the inception of the Committee was held in the home of Mrs. Barry Baker on June 3 and the 46th tea was held at the home of Mrs. Sam Caplan on October, 78. The newcomers came from Israel, Russia, Hungary, France and a number of Canadian cities. Each newcomer is invited to at least two such teas.

Mrs. Allan Soloman is retiring as chairperson after the June 1980 tea and will be succeeded by Mrs. David Gavsie.

The assistance of the office staff at the Jewish Community Council has been most helpful and is much appreciated.

Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth

Dr. Baruch Diena, Chairman



The Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth has the responsibility of ensuring that kosher meat and fowl are available in the Jewish community; of engaging shoachim and supervising shechita; of providing hashgacha for the institutions under its jurisdiction; of enhancing the observance of kashruth through education and other means; and of co-operating with bakeries, caterers, camps and other establishments in their observance of kashruth.

Supervisory responsibility for kashruth rests with the Rabbinical Committee of the Vaad Hakashruth, which meets the first Thursday of every month. The lay board, which deals with financial matters and enacts regulation on the recommendation of the Rabbinical Committee, meets every second month. This group is made up of representatives of the Synagogues and the community-

at-large.

The Vaad Hakashruth is an ongoing operation with day-to-day responsibilities. Much of the work is carried on by mashgichim (kashruth supervisors) at the abattoirs, the kosher butcher shop, the Jewish Community Centre, Hillel Lodge, the various synagogues in the community, Hillel Academy and at Rideau Bakery. As well, fish that has been properly processed according to kashruth can now be purchased locally.

The Vaad Hakashruth can only be as effective as the members of the committee, and because of the strong commitment of its members it has proven to be an important and very active body.

In closing, I want to express thanks to the clergy and the lay members of the Committee for their assistance and guidance during the past year.

New Jewish Community Cemetery

Israel Shinder, Chairman



The New Jewish Community Cemetery of Ottawa Inc. has had only two meetings throughout the year. Fortunately almost all matters of administration are handled competently by the Vaad office in relationship to the collecting of fees and in working directly with the Synagogues. Therefore the members of my committee need only attend to the extraordinary matters which fortunately are few in number.

The Cemetery continues to

grow more beautiful as the grass and trees which were planted grow with time. We were fortunate in planting an additional 30 trees along the roadway which ultimately will form a nice screen and help to take away some of the bleakness of the untreed area as it existed.

The caretaking staff under the direction of Nathan and Sam Marcus continue to do an excellent job, and all factors seem to be in place to serve the community.

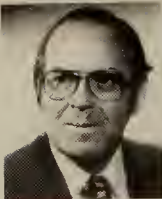
Endowment and Bequest Foundation

David Loeb, President

The Ottawa Jewish Community Endowment and Bequest Foundation is pleased to report continued progress during the past year. Twenty-five new funds have been established since our last annual meeting: Harold Shaffer Memorial Fund, Gilbert Greenberg Foundation, Hy and Pauline Hochberg Foundation, Max and Ida Nadolny Memorial Fund, Jack and Betty Ballon Endowment Fund, Stan and Libby Glubé Endowment Fund, Hillel Academy Fund, Samuel and Mary Lesh Endowment Fund, Deena Hyman Memorial Fund, Irving Bercovitch Endowment Fund, Sam and Dora Schaeffer Endowment Fund, Meyer and Rose Landau Memorial Fund, The Wasserman Family Memorial Fund, Morris Leon and Miriam Leah Greenberg Memorial Fund, Bytown B'nai B'rith Endowment Fund, Louis and Salome Berger Foundation, Lila Rasminsky Memorial Fund, Harry Fine Endowment Fund, Arnold and Rose Lithwick Foundation, Goldie Shabinsky Memorial Fund, Afternoon Talmud Torah Fund, William and Lenke Grossman Endowment Fund, Isaac and Helen Beiles Endowment Fund, Harry Leikin Endowment Fund, Greenberg Endowment Fund, Hillel Lodge — Home for the Aged Development Fund.

Total funds being administered by the Foundation is approximately \$800,000. The Grants and Allocations Committee of the Foundation allotted \$60,000. out of revenue for the year 1979 and made the following distribution:

Michael Freedman Endowment Fund
United Jewish Appeal...10,000.00
Harold Flagal Memorial Fund
United Jewish Appeal...325.00
Phillip Cohen Memorial Scholarship Fund
Canada Israel Cultural Foundation
—Tzili Am Program...190.00
United Jewish Appeal — Project Renewal...190.00
David Zbar Memorial Fund
Canadian Friends of Netanya Youth Centre...1,500.00
Harold Shenkman Endowment Fund
Jewish National Fund — Rebuilders of Jerusalem...3,600.00
United Israel Appeal...5,400.00
Louis Greenberg Memorial Fund
Ottawa Talmud Torah — Hillel Academy Visual Aids...1,200.00
Hyman Bessin — David Zbar Memorial Fund
Canadian Friends of Laniado Hospital...1,200.00
Bess Greenberg Endowment Fund
Ottawa Talmud Torah...1,800.00
Anne Altman Memorial Fund
Canadian ORT Organization Scholarship
In honour of their 100th Anniversary...1,000.00
Ethel Rivers Memorial Fund
Hillel Lodge...600.00
Harry Cooper Memorial Fund
Hillel Lodge...350.00
Sylvia and Louis Rubin Charitable Foundation
Ottawa Civic Hospital — Hematology Project No. 370...250.00
Moe Slack Memorial Fund
Ottawa Talmud Torah Scholarship...500.00



Norman and Sonia Kizell Foundation
United Jewish Appeal...2,000.00

Sam Zaret Memorial Fund
Camp B'nai B'rith — Scholarship Fund...550.00
Harry Levitan Foundation
Ottawa Talmud Torah — Afternoon School
Slow Learner Project...200.00

Nathan and Yetta Hochberg Memorial Fund
United Jewish Appeal...100.00
Louis Slack Memorial Fund
United Jewish Appeal...200.00
Kovod Fund
United Jewish Appeal...150.00

B'nai B'rith Ottawa Lodge No. 885 Memorial Fund
Camp B'nai B'rith...800.00
Jewish Community Centre Library...250.00
Hillel Academy Library...250.00
Jacob and Leah Rivers Memorial Fund
Canadian Women's ORT — Ottawa Chapter
In honor of ORT's 100 Anniversary...350.00

Montefiore Club of Ottawa Foundation
United Jewish Appeal...5,900.00
Simon and Thelma Ritt Memorial Scholarship Fund
Ottawa Talmud Torah — Israeli Travel Scholarship...600.00

Abe and Fanny Dobrow Memorial Fund
United Jewish Appeal...50.00
James Melton Cooper Memorial Fund
Israeli Scholarships...900.00

Abe and Fanny Betcherman Foundation
United Jewish Appeal...1,500.00
Arnold Shinder Music Scholarship Fund
Canada Israel Cultural Foundation...50.00

Alex Betcherman Memorial Fund
Hillel Lodge...700.00
Edgar Marks Memorial Fund
United Jewish Appeal...175.00
Ben Katz Endowment Fund
Hillel Lodge...40.00
Lawrence Freiman Scholarship Fund

Canada Israel Cultural and Foundation...1,250.00
Jacob Gladstone Endowment Fund
Gan Israel Day Camp...150.00
Harry Shinder Endowment Fund
United Jewish Appeal...150.00

Abram Molot Memorial Fund
Ottawa Talmud Torah — Hillel Academy
In memory of Rebecca Chaya Molot...275.00
Jacob Malomet Memorial Fund
Woodroffe High School...65.00
Hillel Academy — Ottawa Talmud Torah...380.00
Pincus Newman Endowment Fund

Ottawa Talmud Torah — Hillel Academy...175.00
Saul and Fanny Tanner Foundation
Hillel Lodge...125.00

B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 885 Past President's Fund
Camp Gesher...350.00
Michael Benes — Ann Van Derzee Memorial Fund
United Jewish Appeal...4,600.00

Ottawa Modern Jewish School
Ottawa Modern Jewish School...140.00
Jacob and Esther Kizell Memorial Fund
Ottawa Cancer Society...50.00

Claire and Sam Tanner Endowment Fund
Star of David School — Machzikei Hadas...40.00

Hyman Bessin Memorial Fund
Vaad Hakashruth...300.00
Rachel Kizell Chapter of Mizrahi...500.00
Bennett Steinberg Memorial Fund
Designated Charities (partial)...

6,000.00
Tom and Miriam Bordelay Foundation
Hillel Academy...150.00

Jack Levin Memorial Fund
Ottawa Free Loan Society...70.00
Beth Shalom Synagogue...70.00
Hillel Lodge...70.00
May Court Club...70.00
Perley Home...70.00

Gert and Jack Goldstein Endowment Fund
Hillel Lodge...40.00

Roberta and Sidney Pollock Foundation
Canadian ORT Organization — Ottawa Chapter...60.00

Howard Todd Cogan Scholarship Fund
Tel Aviv Scholarship Fund...15.00

Percy and Libby Kardash Foundation
Ottawa Talmud Torah — Hillel Academy...25.00

Morris Goldberg Memorial Fund
United Jewish Appeal...40.00

Irving and Ellen Lithwick Endowment Fund
Ottawa Talmud Torah — Hillel Academy...75.00

Chessed Fund
Ottawa Hebrew Benevolent Society...600.00

Israel Shinder Foundation
United Jewish Appeal...75.00

Max and Miriam Dworkin Memorial Fund
B'nai B'rith Ottawa Lodge No. 885...40.00
George and Mary Goldberg Endowment Fund
Hillel Lodge — In memory of Gittel Cohen Agulnick...40.00
Rose Friedman Memorial Fund
Hillel Lodge...350.00
Joseph Rabin Educational Endowment Fund
Ottawa Talmud Torah — Hillel Academy...35.00
Jack and Betty Ballon Endowment Fund
Ottawa Hadassah — Ann Goldfield Chapter...30.00
Hy and Pauline Hochberg Endowment Fund
United Jewish Appeal...50.00
Harold Shaffer Memorial Fund
Ottawa Jewish Historical Society...40.00
Hillel Academy Fund in memory of Rebecca Chaya Molot
Ottawa Talmud Torah — Hillel Academy...50.00
Jewish Community Cemetery Holocaust Fund
Jewish Community Cemetery...100.00

It is anticipated that for the year 1980 there will be at least \$75,000. available for distribution. There are some 85 Funds in the Foundation.

The Officers and Directors are thankful to the Ottawa Jewish Community for its continuing support and are hopeful that this growth will continue and provide an important additional source of revenue.

A copy of the Auditors Statement for the year 1979 is available on request from the Executive Secretary, Ann Goldberg at 232-7306.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut

Merida Sachs, Chairman



The 32nd anniversary of Israel's independence fell on Sunday, April 20, 1980. The Ottawa Jewish community joined together that day to celebrate it.

This year's Yom Ha'Atzmaut broke new ground and set new precedents in a number of ways. Because it was felt that this event could draw many more people than could be accommodated at the Jewish Community Centre it was decided to book the Civic Centre. Our projections proved to be correct, because an overflow crowd of over 1,300 people gathered that evening to sing, dance and celebrate. The main entertainment was the singing of the highly professional Duo Reim, who had arrived from Israel just prior to our event. Also featured on the program was the Hillel Academy Choir, the Ami Hai

Dancers and Joan Meeker and her Band.

During the afternoon a special Children's Yom Ha'Atzmaut program at the Jewish Community Centre featured a combined choir of children from the Talmud Torah Afternoon School, the Temple Israel Religious School, the Ottawa Modern Jewish School and the Star of David Hebrew School. The children and assembled parents were also treated to a performance by the Duo Reim.

The 1980 Yom Ha'Atzmaut observance was the result of nearly six months of planning and preparation. Many people were involved, too numerous to mention. I would like to express my appreciation to the Yom Ha'Atzmaut Committee for their participation in this enormous undertaking.



Ottawa Talmud Torah Board

Dr. Charles Freedman, President

The Talmud Torah Board maintains the largest Jewish educational system in the Ottawa-Carleton region. To that end the Board operates and offers:

1. Hillel Academy — a Jewish Day School offering full Hebrew and General Studies programmes including French instruction (complying with Ontario Ministry of Education curricula guidelines) from Junior Nursery to Grade VIII.

2. The Afternoon School Talmud Torah — a full afternoon Hebrew school. The curriculum offer 6 1/4 hours per week instruction of Hebrew studies to public school students from Kindergarten to Grade VII.

3. The Afternoon Hebrew High School — a 12 credit programme of afternoon and evening courses offered to High School students.

4. A Bar Mitzvah programme for boys approaching the age of 13 in Hillel Academy and the Afternoon School.

5. A special programme of Jewish education for children with learning disabilities.

Programs — Hillel Academy

For the coming school year, Hillel Academy is planning to increase the French content throughout the school. Students in Grade 7 and 8 will participate in an enriched French learning program and there will be an increase in time devoted to French studies at all grade levels.

Four Israeli teachers joined the staff this year and have contributed much to the upgrading of the Jewish and Hebrew Studies at the school.

The All Day Trilingual Kindergarten has continued to be a most successful venture and this year's three All Day

Kindergartens will become three Grades 1 in the 1980-81 academic year.

The school has continued to participate in major community events such as the Israeli Independence Day and Yom Hashoa and the innovative program of having Hillel Academy students visit Hillel Lodge once a week, has been a beneficial experience for the residents at Hillel Lodge and the students of the school. Hillel Academy is looking forward to having a minimum of two classes in all grade levels up to and including Grade 6. The problem of space and facilities will continue to hinder the upgrading of the quality of education offered by the school.

The Afternoon School

The Afternoon School has maintained a steady enrollment and this year in addition to its many programs offered, a Grade 8 class to its graduates. The Afternoon School continues to conduct a class for children with learning disabilities.

High School

Reaching the teenagers of the community through the Afternoon Hebrew High School will continue to be a priority of the Board, and a brochure/application form will be mailed before the summer vacation to teenagers outlining the courses offered at the school.

We sincerely hope that the Vaad will continue to understand the concerns and problems faced by the Ottawa Talmud Torah Board in its endeavours to maintain the high level of education being provided through the schools operated by the Board.

Star of David Hebrew School

Norman Lomow, Chairman

Our school has been in operation for the past 4 years. The success of it can be seen by the initial enrollment of 18 to a steady increase of the present enrollment of 56 and with an increase for 1980-81 registration.

For the coming year 1980-81 we will be having Kindergarten thru to Grade V as well as a Bar-Mitzvah instruction class.

Kindergarten classes are held on Sunday mornings 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Grades I-V which are held every Monday & Wednesday from 4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The school is situated at Machzikei Hadas Synagogue in the Alta Vista Area at 2310 Virginia Dr. Our present students come from many different areas of the City.

The fact that the school is situated in a Synagogue aids in the children's learning experience of their own culture and provides a positive atmosphere.

One of the unique advantages of our school is, that the teachers of each Grade work with the students at their own level of learning and understanding and the student teacher relationship is one of harmony and our increasing enrollment indicates this factor.

Curriculum covered includes: Reading & Writing & Introduction to oral usage of the Hebrew Language.

Laws & Customs — Holidays are emphasized with plays, stories, art work, singing, choral reading and outings when the occasion arises.

Religious Studies — Chumash — History — Siddur. Siddur is used daily to better acquaint them with the services of the synagogue. Chumash and History suitable to the level of their

understanding — World Jewish History up to the present.

Israel — The State, its Institutions and Role in Jewish Life.

Holocaust — at each class' level of understanding.

Activities: Our students have participated in the Yom Ha'Atzmaut Programme in Afternoon Choir and have contributed greatly in projects and art work to the decoration of the Jewish Community Centre for the above Programme.

L'Ag B'Omer celebration this year was held in conjunction with the Associated Enrichment Hebrew School.

Our school held its annual Chanukah Programme, Purim Programme, Passover Model Seder and its own Yom Ha'Atzmaut Programme.

Participation in the Holocaust Memorial Service.

U.J.A. Walkathon.

Our annual B'nai B'rith Essay Contest.

Funding: The costs of running the school and programmes of the Board are covered completely by the Tuition fees paid by the parents and an allocation from B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 885.

With the enthusiastic participation of many of the parents, this year some new programmes to raise funds for the school has come into being:

a) Star of David Hebrew School Donation Cards

b) Bake Sale

c) A Musical Revue

With the complete support of the Parents and the understanding of our Teachers the Star of David Hebrew School has become an important entity in the Jewish Community.

"Participation and Encouragement" is our Magic Formula.



Jewish Community Centre

Stephen Victor, President



The 1979-80 program year has proved to be the most exciting that the Centre has experienced in recent history. As a result of policy initiatives and subsequent program directions, taken by the Board, volunteers and staff, the Centre provided to its membership and the general community a diverse and comprehensive social, recreational, cultural and educational program at the Centre and on an outreach basis. As well, the Centre, through its co-ordination and consultation services and resources encouraged the growth and development of existing groups, at an adult and youth level, to strengthen programming for the community.

Major Communal Programs

The Health and Fitness Fair, a new direction for the Centre, attracted over 2,000 people to the various workshops, keynote presentations and information booths as well as bringing together 40 Ottawa-Carleton Health and Fitness related, non-profit agencies. The event, the first of its kind in Canada, was hailed by Mayor Marion Dewar and the Honourable Reuben Baetz as a tremendous community service. Russ Kisby, President of Participation, felt the event was an unqualified success.

The Arts Alive (Book Fair) program brought a wealth of cultural programs and activities to the Jewish community including the distinguished author Chaim Potok and the Dora Wasserman Yiddish Theatre. Through the cultural events, books, crafts, demonstrations and other programs, over 3,000 people attended the event.

A new program, Jewish Music Month, was introduced to the community in conjunction with the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation and Hillel Parent-Teacher Association. Two programs, a variety show featuring local talent and the Shma Koleinu band, and the Israel Piano Quartet, attracted over 500 people.

The Centre with the DROR Youth Movement also co-ordinated a communal Purim Carnival and assisted the Yom Ha'Atzmaut Committee by developing the children's programming held at the Jewish Community Centre in the afternoon. Over 300 people attended the Purim Carnival and 220 children participated in the Yom Ha'Atzmaut program.

Through the Adult Programming Department, the Centre in association with the Holocaust Committee of the Vaad organized a Holocaust Exhibit consisting of memorabilia from private individuals and pieces from the War Museum. Over 800 high school students and 300 people from the general community were informed of the Nazi atrocities. The program served as an excellent means of community relations.

This year the Centre has worked diligently — independently and with other groups and organizations — to provide qualitative communal programming and to co-ordinate other groups and resources to ensure

top notch events. With the exception of the Purim Carnival, these programs were organized through the Centre's Adult Department.

Aside from the communal events, the Adult Department initiated a number of programs including a Chess Club, Film Series, Hebrew courses, Recreational Folkdancing, Orchestra, and 25/35 Social-Cultural Group. As well, the Golden Age Club continues to flourish.

The Centre has also been responsible for supervision of the Jewish Students' Union program and has served as a valuable resource to the community in this respect.

Youth Programming

The Centre placed a heavy emphasis on its youth programming and developed a continuity of programming for children ages 3 to 18. The Sunday T.G.I.S. program had an initial enrollment of 90 children in the first session and 40-50 children in the second and third sessions. Other than T.G.I.S. for the junior and teen age groups, the program staples included a Tween Drama Group and Tween Jazz groups; organized Birthday Parties; Kiddy Gym and Preschool Program, and a new afternoon program for preschoolers in conjunction with Hillel Academy called "Garinim"; Floor Hockey Leagues, Camp Winterspree and so on.

Additions to the programs included a highly successful Tween Bowling League; Sports School in the West End of the city run by the Department of Physical Education; and the Acharei Arba Program. More recently, a Brownie's Pack, a Tween Softball League and West End Tween Interest Group have been developed.

Approximately 10-12 events of a mass social and small group nature, including trips to the Rochester Jewish Community Centre for a teen volleyball tournament and to the Montreal Jewish Community Centre by a teen basketball team, were organized for teens.

In the area of teen work, programming problems became apparent as the result of weaknesses in teen groups, in having teens affiliate with them. As the result, it was difficult to develop a Teen Council which in the past had been a means of developing mass community programming for teens.

A Teen Summit, convened by the Centre and consisting of representatives of all youth groups, advisers and Centre professionals was held to deal with the myriad of problems confronting Jewish teens in Ottawa. The result was a comprehensive report calling for the re-establishment of a Teen Council, representative to the Vaad Board of Trustees and Jewish Community Centre Board of Directors, to ensure that the voice of youth in this community is heard.

The Centre has worked with the groups to develop a comprehensive frame-work for "teens serving teens". Other than the re-establishment of a Council of Jewish Youth, contracting for ser-

vice arrangements with the U.S.Y. and N.C.S.Y. programs and with the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization have been arranged to facilitate the youth and development of the groups. These relationships in conjunction with the development of a High School Jewish Students' Union which serves as a means of getting unaffiliated youth involved in the community augurs well for solid teen programming in the coming years.

Physical Education Program

The Physical Education Department continued to provide the community with a comprehensive program package, but this year more emphasis was placed on health related activities including such programs as Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation, St. John's Ambulance courses, and Post-natal exercise classes. Aside from the highly successful West-End Fitness Class held at the Agudath Israel Synagogue, a West End Co-ed Evening for adults and West End Sports School for children in the Craig Henry — Arlington Woods area was implemented on an outreach basis.

Camping Services Program

The Camping Services Program had its most successful year ever, with over 240 children in attendance. The Day and Sports Camp programs provided an excellent social, recreational and cultural environment for children. Enrollment for the coming year's Camp



Temple Israel Religious School

Teena Hendelman, Chairman

During the year, the school arranged programming into the afternoon on an additional Sunday. Workshops were offered in baking and crafts to tie in with Purim celebrations at the Temple.

At Shavuoth, the students of the Confirmation class (grade 10) led the service at Temple Israel. The students displayed their accumulated knowledge, understanding, and sensitivity to religion and culture which they have been acquiring over the year. Their willingness to take a definite place within Temple life attests to their fine attitudes and state of preparedness achieved over the years of schooling.

Temple Israel Religious School is poised for the coming academic year which will see major changes in the staff, notably the Director of Education and Vice-Principal. The School Committee is slightly expanded from previous years and is ready to initiate further improvements in the school.

Temple Israel Religious School has completed another successful year with 140 students in

attendance. Grades K-10 and student teachers attend Religious School on Sunday mornings. Students in Grades 4-7 attend on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday afternoons. For the first time, Temple Israel Religious School welcomed onto its staff several graduates of the school.

Administrative Matters

The Membership Campaign held in September produced approximately 70 new members to the Jewish Community Centre roster. Currently membership stands at 425 units consisting of over 1100 people. Plans are currently underway to develop a comprehensive membership recruitment and retention program for next year. As well, contributory membership has been instituted and a positive response has been generated in the community to support the Centre through this method. A Fund-raising Committee has been struck by the Board, and an event is currently being planned to generate much needed revenue.

All in all, the Centre has been extremely successful this year given the difficulties of finding the resources to carry out programs and events, and the limitations of the facility we have.

Much of the credit for the momentum which has been developed within the Centre over the past two years must be credited to the many active members of the Board of Directors, volunteers and the professional staff who worked hand in hand to produce a more quantitative and qualitative program for the membership of the Jewish Community Centre and the entire community. With the community's active support, I am sure that this momentum will continue.

The school offers a full curriculum of Hebrew and religious studies, Jewish history and culture, with an emphasis on Reform Jewish identification. Students are helped to feel a part of their school, their Temple, and the Jewish community.

Begun last year, the Student Conference Day was repeated this year, with the theme of "Accomplishments of Jewish People in Various Fields of Endeavor". Students were offered several areas from which to choose, each with a featured leader. On Student Conference Day, the school session is extended into the afternoon. This year the afternoon programming was devoted to a farewell party for Rabbi Gerber, the Director of Education.

Jewish Social Services Agency

Alex Cohen, President

1979-80 has been a significant year in the development of social services within the Jewish Community of Ottawa-Carleton. The Jewish Social Services Council, which was in existence for three years and developed and operated Services for Jewish Elderly and Jewish Information and Referral Service, has dissolved, as the need to deliver a more extensive service became apparent.

On January 1, 1980, the Jewish Social Services Agency of Ottawa-Carleton was incorporated for the following purpose:

- (a) provide family, individual, and group counselling as basic services, through casework and other relevant methods;
- (b) provide other relevant services which enrich individual, family and community life, for groups with special needs;
- (c) provide directly, or in collaboration with other community groups, services or programs of an educational nature aimed at the prevention of family distress;
- (d) participate in or undertake studies, surveys and research projects relevant to the purpose of improving agency and community services;
- (e) share community responsibility for training and education of social service students;
- (f) initiate and/or participate in social action concerning family life;
- (g) render emergency financial assistance where necessary.

Counselling is provided by a professional social worker to families and individuals having difficulties with marital, parent-child, or individual relationships. Plans are underway for counselling groups on various aspects of family life education. For example, a session on Stress and the Single Parent will begin in mid June.

A variety of outreach services are available to Jewish elderly:

Tele-Shalom

A daily telephone reassurance program directed to elderly persons living alone. From January to May a corps of volunteers have made some two thousand calls.

Wheels To Meals

A nutritional luncheon coupled with an entertaining program is provided at the Jewish Community Centre. This service operates on a monthly basis and in the January to May period five hundred and thirty-eight meals were served. The agency intends to increase this program to a twice monthly basis with the possibility of one luncheon per month being held at the Agudath Israel Synagogue.

Friendly Visiting

A program in which trained volunteers visit elderly clients on a regular basis, to insure the welfare of the client, to provide companionship and to assist in the many problems inherent with the elderly. Presently thirteen volunteer-client relationships are in effect, with twelve other potential clients awaiting screening.

Shopping Service

This service provides transportation to a shopping area, assistance in shopping, and

return to their homes. Operating every two weeks, this service attracts between six and ten seniors per trip. Transportation is supplied by the B'nai B'rith Hillel bus.

J.I.A.S.

The Jewish Immigrant Aid Service, under the present chairmanship of Ricki Baker, has been actively seeing to the resettlement of many new Russian families in Ottawa.

At present there are three sub-committees at work. These are "Reception and Socialization" under Sarah Diena, "Employment" under Doctors Bert Migicovsky and Baruch Diena and Marvin Schwartz, and "Settlement" under Eleanor Brotman and Liza Fernandez.

We have been fortunate in receiving more than adequate "mitzvah care" from many Jewish dentists and we wish to thank them very much for their kind cooperation.

We would also like to thank William Grossman, who has kindly made available the use of Boyd's Moving and Storage warehouse, for the storage of our used furniture.

In June, 1980, Elaine Rabin, director of Jewish Social Services Agency attended a National J.I.A.S. meeting in Toronto, and we here in Ottawa were honoured by a visit from Gordon Kaufman, national executive officer of J.I.A.S. We are proud to report that one of our volunteers, Liza Fernandez, was the recipient of an award as one of the five outstanding J.I.A.S. volunteers in Ontario.

This committee intends to meet on a continuing basis to handle all the needs of immigrants in the Ottawa Jewish community.

The Jewish Social Services Agency operates out of offices in the lower level of the Jewish Community Centre, and is staffed by a fulltime Director, Elaine Rabin, M.S.W. and parttime by Coordinator for Services for Jewish Elderly, Marlene Cherun, M.S.W. and intake worker, Valerie Terkel.

Operating funds have been received from the United Jewish Appeal, the City of Ottawa, the Provincial Ministry of Community and Social Services and the Federal New Horizons Program.

We would also like to acknowledge with thanks, the generous financial support the agency has received from B'nai B'rith Ottawa Lodge 885, B'nai B'rith Parliament Lodge and the National Council of Jewish Women.

The agency is presently applying for membership in United Way of Ottawa-Carleton.

In closing, the agency would like to thank the many people who have given so generously of their time and effort in assisting in the operations of the agency. Without this voluntary service the agency would really not be able to function. We would also like to express our appreciation to the officers of the Jewish Community Council for their understanding, encouragement and assistance in the establishment of this agency.

New Jewish Community Complex

Gilbert Greenberg, Chairman



The Mont Ste. Marie Leadership Conference recommended that a new building, housing both central and west-end branches of Hillel Academy and either a new Jewish Community Centre catering to the needs of the general community or a satellite youth centre catering to the needs of young people, be constructed as soon as possible.

In order to provide these facilities, a tract of approximately ten acres should be purchased and developed along campus lines, on the understanding that the school has the first priority on a new building. The New Community Complex Committee was assigned the task of establishing space requirements for a new educational complex to meet the needs of all Jewish educational institutions in the city; to establish the space requirements for a new Jewish Community Centre or satellite youth centre; to determine whether other communal institutions would be interested in relocating there; and to investigate the availability of land/or existing buildings which would be suitable for the above-stated purposes.

The New Community Complex Committee held its first meeting on December 1, 1978 and has

been carrying out an investigation along the above mentioned parameters since then. Members of the committee have looked at schools of the Ottawa Board of Education and Carleton Separate School Board in an effort to acquire an existing building with sufficient land to meet the needs of the Jewish community. By the summer of 1979, it looked as if our needs could not be satisfied by the purchase or rental of any present O.B.E. or C.B.E. school building slated for closure.

In the spring of this year, the Ottawa Board of Education firm-ed up its list of schools which would be closed in September of 1980. We are presently investigating the possibility of acquiring a suitable building large enough for an addition to be added if necessary. It is our hope that this investigation will bear fruit.

I wish to thank the members of my committee for their patience and understanding. I would like to stress, however, that we have only just begun in our efforts to establish a site for the new Jewish Community Complex; determine space requirements; develop preliminary conceptual plans for the entire complex; and develop a comprehensive plan for the financing of construction.

Jewish Studies at Carleton

Professor Eugene Rothman

The most important fact about Jewish Studies at Carleton is that despite the current financial crisis threatening the University with a deficit of nearly one million dollars, Jewish studies activities maintained their momentum and continued to expand.

In the area of teaching, a number of basic courses in Jewish studies continued to be offered despite the loss of several faculty members in the Department of Religion. The basic course, *Judaism and the Jewish People* was offered by Rabbi Bulka and a new innovative course, *Religious Traditions of the Middle East* (Judaism and Islam) was taught by Professors Rothman and Librande. Curricular materials, such as a student handbook, readings, and experimental video-tapes were produced or designed. The course will be offered on Chancel 15B in winter 1981. Three courses on Biblical studies were also taught in the Department of Religion.

Several graduate students began or continued research in the area of Jewish studies with one student from Haifa University applying for admission to the graduate programme.

In addition, Carleton's Institute of Canadian Studies, with the help of the Department of Religion, encouraged research in to Canadian Jewish studies. Several students are working in this area and an annual bursary of \$500 for research into Jewish studies is offered to a student in the Institute.

Non-credit courses were offered by Carleton University's School of Continuing Education and the Jewish Community Centre as part of the Adult Institute of Jewish Studies. The eight courses offered were co-ordinated by the Department of Religion and approximately 100 students enrolled.

Research also continued. Two years ago, Carleton University and the Jewish Community Council co-sponsored a biblical studies conference. Similar efforts are now being planned elsewhere in an attempt to maintain the academic dialogue between rabbinic scholars, historians and literary critics.

This year, Scholars Press and Fortress Press will jointly publish the volume of conference papers edited by Professors Polzin and Rothman. The book is dedicated to the memory of Joseph Heineman, the great Israeli rabbinic scholar, whose last major work is included in the volume.

Several publications have been written in conjunction with the new course on *Religious Traditions of the Middle East*. These include a bibliographical guide and volume of readings and a general text book.

Finally, plans are now being made for the expansion of these programmes for the 1980-81 academic year. New undergraduate and graduate courses are being planned. Special emphasis is being placed on designing courses suitable for television in order to reach as wide an audience as possible.

Ottawa Modern Jewish School

Norman Barwin, M.D., President

O.M.J.S. is strong on tradition

The Ottawa Modern Jewish School presently in its 27th operating year has 127 students from 4 year old Kindergarten to Grade Seven from 90 plus families in the Ottawa area.

The school was founded in 1953 on the philosophy that the primary purpose of Jewish education is to develop within the students an appreciation of the unique history and values of the Jewish people. Through such an appreciation, the founders maintained its Jewish existence meaningful and is the survival of the Jews as a distinctive people assured.

Philosophy

In keeping with this philosophy, today the school places emphasis on Jewish tradition — language, history and culture — and on developing in the child a positive identification with the Jewish people. A staff of professional teachers supplemented by a number of graduate assistants aims through dedicated efforts to create an atmosphere where learning is a joyous experience. In essence ruach (spirit), is in large part a key element of the school.

Cooperative School

We are a cooperative school and thus need committed parental involvement to function. We have an active and talented Board of Directors and various sub-committees most important of which is the Education Committee, under the Chairmanship of Fran Pearl, a vital group of parents who are continually working at improving and expanding curricula.

Faculty

At present we have 11 qualified teachers, one of whom is a graduate of the school; a principal, Gerald Cammy; and a Vice-Principal Norma Rothman (unpaid position). In addition we have what we consider to be an essential part of our program — seven assistants, all graduates, who help the teachers in the lower grades. Our program includes a music specialist who instructs the teachers as to how music should be presented to the children throughout the year.

Curriculum

The curriculum of the school, is under continual review by its principal, vice-principal and sub-committees. The curriculum has been developed in minute detail and a new updated syllabus is available from Fran Pearl the chairman of the education committee.

We are the only school in the Ottawa area which offers Yiddish courses. Faculty attended continuing education and teaching methodology courses regularly.

Evaluation of Curriculum

It should be mentioned that Dr. Edmond Lipsitz, Director of Education for the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, has alluded to the fact that "parts of the O.M.J.S. curriculum are being used as a model by other Hebrew schools in Ontario".

Parent Teacher Interviews

These are held formally twice a year although the Principal and staff are available at all times for discussion. Informal contact is made at a Wine and Cheese party at the beginning of the academic year.

Remedial Classes

The system of remedial classes introduced in 1976 will continue next year. This is done on a one-to-one basis to enable students who have problems in particular areas of the curriculum.

Bar-Mitzvah/Batmitzvah

The O.M.J.S. arranges for the necessary instruction for Bar or Bat Mitzvah. The student attends the regular classes of the school and receives Bar/Bat Mitzvah instructors from a qualified person outside class hours. Six students had Bar Mitzvahs.

Budget and Allocations

The Vaad have now established a Panel on Jewish Education working with the UJA as a special planning, budget and allocations Committee. Len Heltin, our second Vice-President and Norman Barwin, President will represent the school. B'nai B'rith Lodges also contribute to the school and has helped develop the audio-visual department as well as special educational projects.

Special Projects

I. Holocaust Programme

A special course on the Holocaust given by Principal, Gerry Cammy, to Grade Seven was introduced as part of the course. Students were required to see the film "Judgement at Nuremberg" and attended the exhibit on the Holocaust at the Jewish Community Centre. A special session for teachers, on the method of teaching the history and related circumstances of the Holocaust was conducted by Professor Cammy. Grade Six students represented the school at the Holocaust Memorial Service on June 11 and recited a poem in Yiddish.

II. Graduation Class Field Trip

The second project was a trip for the Graduating Class — this year to Montreal where students visited places of Jewish interest such as the Sayde Bronfman Centre, the East Side where Jews first settled, the Montreal Jewish Public Library and, a bagel factory. The Principal, Jerry Cammy, undertook this task and once again his outstanding ability and enthusiasm came through.

III Chanukah Purim Pesach

On each occasion, the school assembled to celebrate the particular holiday in the traditional manner. The Seder was covered by a reporter from the Ottawa Citizen which carried an article and photograph.

Community Activities

I. Yom Ha'tzmauth

Our school continues to take part in community celebrations and activities. Both the afternoon and evening Yom Ha'tzmauth celebrations were attended by our students who also contributed an abundance of artwork to the decorations at the Jewish Community Centre. Classes were taken to the children's activities at the Centre during Jewish Music Month.

II. Walkathon

The Walkathon is integrated into the school's program every year: students report to school. This year a special badge saying "Walk-a-Way with O.M.J.S." was distributed to students and teachers and, like last year, a school plaque is being presented to the grade with the highest percentage of participants in the Walkathon. Over 150 students,

parents and staff participated.

III. Music: Fiddler on the Roof

This extra-curricular activity on behalf of the O.M.J.S. goes well so watch for further notification on this performance. This is being arranged by the Orpheus Society and the O.M.J.S. students will sing in Hebrew, Yiddish and English.

Registration

Registration will take place on the first day of classes, Sunday, September 7, at the Jewish Com-

munity Centre, 151 Chapel Street.

Inquiries

Inquiries about the school are to be directed to Registrars Diana Heltin (592-1260) or Bertha Leckie (235-0612).

Any parents or group of parents wishing to speak to the principal or set up an information evening in the summer months are encouraged to contact Professor Gerald Cammy, Principal (829-1284).

Hillel Lodge...Ottawa Jewish Home For The Aged

Dan Doctor, President

Hillel Lodge was founded as an organization in 1955 and was created a corporation duly chartered under the laws of the Province of Ontario in August 1957. October 1980, marks the 15th anniversary operation of our 48 bed Home.

Our mandate is to provide a Home for the aged population of our community whose social, medical, nursing and emotional needs can best be met through congregate living in a Jewish environment. Our ideal of course, goes further — to provide a cheerful homelike and a secure environment where individuality is respected and where stimulation and support will allow these men and women to live as normal a life as possible with their years.

In 1979 we witnessed a dramatic rise in demand on our combined staffs for supportive care from our Residents, whose age average is 82.2 years with an extremely heavy dependency on our Nursing and Medical Staffs. A second Doctor was appointed to assist our Medical Director, and a male orderly was recently added to our Nursing Staff. A Podiatry program was established with a Podiatrist coming into the Home on a scheduled basis.

Our supportive arm...the Women's Auxiliary of Hillel Lodge and their dedicated volunteers, in addition to their regular activities, raised over \$7,000.00 to purchase a Century Whirlpool Bath, a most valued piece of therapeutic equipment. It helps to relieve arthritic and muscular ailments.

It was a year of consolidating and upgrading our programming activities with emphasis on volunteer support and participation, resulting in a wider range of activities now being offered both days and evenings. A support person was hired to assist our Coordinator of Activities.

During 1979 occupancy was at a record high — Extended Care 99.4% Normal Care 89.9% — and presently we have a waiting list

for Residency. It is with warm feeling to note that since the Home opened in Oct. 1965, 248 people have been accommodated, (33 deaths and 167 discharges) so that on March 31st, 1980, there were 48 Residents in the Home — (17 men and 31 women).

During 1979, there were 10 monthly Board of Directors meetings preceded by an Executive meeting, with the Annual meeting taking place on July 24th, 1979. All thirty (30) members of the Board of Directors representing many cross sections of our community, participate on at least one committee. Our objectives and horizons are directed towards providing a Home for our Jewish geriatric citizenry in their "Sunset Years", and we stand ready at all times to provide the necessary service and support to this cause.

Our Home enjoys a wide circle of friends to whom we are grateful and to our members and the community at large for their understanding and support.

Hillel Lodge provides the following services:

- (1) Residential Care Program...29 Beds
- (2) Ontario Extended Care Program...19 Accredited Beds
- (3) Day Care Program...Seniors from the community spend the day in the Home — participation in ongoing activities — three meals provided — nursing supervision...Charge \$6.50 per day.
- (4) Other Services...Dependent upon availability of a bed.
 - (a) Vacation Care...Spend Religious Holidays in the Home or while the family is away on vacation.
 - (b) Post Hospital Care...Up to 30 days. Resident status at Normal Care rates.
 - (c) Meals...Provided for special care away from the Home...upon request.
 - (d) Wheels to Meals...People can make arrangements to eat at the Home.



Jewish Students' Union

Bettina Liverant, President

The Jewish Students' Union is the organization that "is" and represents the Jewish university students and young adults of student age in the city of Ottawa. The Ottawa J.S.U. functions as an umbrella organization bringing together the Jewish student groups operating at Carleton University, University of Ottawa, and Algonquin College. During the 1979-80 year J.S.U. had a 700 person mailing list and saw a 20% turnout during an active programming month.

While there are many goals and objectives, the prime aim is to bring Jewish students together for meaningful and effective social, cultural, religious and political programming. J.S.U. is committed to "Jewish authenticity — being and doing Jewish things."

Over the past year, activities have included small house parties and big socials, vigils outside the Russian embassy and countering Arab pressure groups on campus, Havdallahs, movies, and speakers. The J.S.U. umbrella organization also provided a chaplaincy, an academic counselling and referral service, a summer employment service, and other services operated for the benefit of the students.

J.S.U. membership is very involved in the community. One of the major involvements is U.J.A.

where J.S.U. helped put the Young People's Division "over the top." J.S.U. also is involved in, and with, B'nai B'rith, the Va'ad and other community programs and events.

The J.S.U. budget comes from many sources, the prime funding sources being the U.J.A. (through the auspices of the Vaad Ha'ir), the B'nai B'rith Lodges and the B'nai B'rith Bowlathon.

In 1980/81 J.S.U. expects to continue to grow, involving more students in an expanded and varied program. By your continued encouragement and support, organized Jewish presence on campus for now, and for the future is continuing to develop.

Some statistics:
Total number of programs
In 79/80 33
Total number of programs in proposed 80/81 budget 44
Total number of students attending programs 79/80. 1170
Total cost of 79/80 budget \$18,500
Total projected cost of 80/81 budget \$24,000.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact one of the new executive members: Elin Bessner, President; Rebecca Quiot, Vice-President; Rob Davis, Treasurer; and/or Leib Zeisler, staff worker. All can be reached through 232-7306.

Ottawa Hebrew Free Loan Association

William Grossman, President

We are in our 47th year of operation. To date we have granted 2,346 loans. Money is loaned in sums up to \$1,000 to applicants, without charge of interest or expense of any kind.

The Officers of our organization at present are:

Honorary President: Solomon Zelikovitz; Immediate Past President: Thomas Sachs; Vice-Presidents: Hyman Gould, Joseph Zelikovitz; Treasurer: Reuben Kalin; Executive Secretary: Charlotte Slack; Honorary Solicitor: Joseph Lief, Q.C.; Honorary Accountant: I.L. Landau, C.A.; Executive Committee: David Zelikovitz; Benjamin Feinstein; Laz Greenberg.

Directors: Irving Lithwick, Mrs. Myer N. Drazin, Mrs. Leon Petegorsky, Rabbi Mordecai Y.

Berger, Rabbi Dr. Reuven P. Bulka, Rabbi Dr. Basil F. Herring, Rabbi Irving Schreier.

Israel Branches: Co-Chairman: Solomon Zelikovitz, William Grossman.

Vice Chairman: Jarvis Freedman, Isaac Levine, Gilbert Greenberg, Mischa Zbar; Israel Secretary: Esta Friedman.

Our three branches in Israel, Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv and Netanya, are very active and continue to render valuable service to hundreds of needy Israelis especially since the influx of Russian Jewry. The personnel in charge are rendering valuable service to our Organization.

I also wish to point out that Wills and Bequests have been of valuable assistance to us and increase our aid to those in need. Please Remember the Hebrew Free Loan in your will.



Ottawa Jewish Historical Society

Shirley Berman, Secretary

The Jewish Historical Society is the History and Archives department of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa, and provides a resource centre for those seeking information about the Jewish community of Ottawa.

The past year has been one of greater involvement with the community. Our resources were used publicly to a greater extent than in the past. The Society was, in turn, appreciative of the added help of many volunteers from the community. Our resources were used by more organizations seeking materials for historic educational and recreational programs. Students and researchers continue to use the History and Archives office in their academic pursuits.

A recent publication of the Canadian Jewish Congress entitled "Shuls" includes information and photographs provided by the Society. This pamphlet describes the architecture and history of Canadian synagogues, past and present; it is available for perusal in our office at the Jewish Community Centre.

One of the special projects completed this year was the binding of *The Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and Review*. "The Bulletin" began publication on an irregular basis in the late 30's. Volunteers and members of the Society worked to search out and compile two sets of old copies of the newspaper. This almost complete collection records Ottawa Jewish history from April 1940 to the end of 1979. At the request of the Ottawa

Public Library the three volume set is now being microfilmed for their Reference Department. Microfilm copies have also been requested by the Ottawa City Archives and the National Library of Canada. A copy will also be sent to Beth Hatefutsoth, the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora, as a gift of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir.

An exhibition of over fifty photographs depicting the involvement of the Jewish Theatre Guild, and amateur and affiliated theatre groups that flourished between 1934 and the late '50s was presented to the Ottawa community in December. The photographs were mainly the work of Hugo Levendel, Vice President of the Society, and local Jewish amateur photographers. The exhibition was presented in conjunction with the Yiddish play, *A Bintel Brief* performed by the Dora Wasserman Group for "Arts Alive 1979". The exhibition was an example of how archives resources can be used in conjunction with other cultural programming in the community.

On a National level, our members participated in the History Sessions of the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary held in Toronto. Here, new resolutions were formulated regarding the collection of Canadian Jewish archival material.

As in the past, our members were present at the Canadian Jewish Historical Society sessions held in Montreal in conjunction with the Learned Societies Conference.

Dror Camp Gesher

Jerry Eichler, Program Director

This year the Dror Young Zionist Organization, Ottawa Moadon enjoyed its largest success to date. We began our year welcoming our new shaliach family, Shaul and Nomi Webber, with Noga, Yael and Udi from kibbutz Merom Golan.

Meetings were held every Friday night at the DROR Moadon, 1547 Chatelaine, at 8:00. The chevra tua (movement member) were broken up into 3 groups; shichvah aleph, aged 9-12, shichvah bet, aged 13-14, and shichvah gimmel, aged 15 and up.

Our programs were done in separate shichvot, with special activities like our Chanukah party for the whole tua (movement) together. Parents were invited to a few of our programs as well.

Our activities covered a huge range of Jewish topics, from celebrating holidays to building kibbutzing, to Israeli dancing, to Israeli cooking, to Israeli films, to meeting special guests, to learning Jewish history, even to learning how to do tzofrut (scouting).

Dror also made a name for itself in the community, running the Dizengoff Café at the Arts Alive Festival held at the Jewish Community Centre in November, running the community-wide Purim Carnival in March, and in the recent Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration Dror members ran a tour through Israel for those kids aged 6-12.

Dror, being a worldwide movement, jumped right into merger negotiations with Habonim, a sister movement, after our parent kibbutz federations, Kibbutz HaMeuchad and Kibbutz Ichud,

merged in Israel earlier in the year.

Of course, we met with the rest of the Eastern Canada Dror with seminars on the Palestinians in October, merger meetings in April and May. The highlight of these meetings was Winter Camp held at Edfy's, a resort lodge in the Eastern Township of Quebec, in the December school break. Nothing stopped us from having a great time, even the fact we only had skiable snow for one day.

With summer suddenly upon us, Dror has big plans: Camp Gesher. Coming back from a great camp year in 1979 and a strong chevra (sense of comradeship) from the tua in the city, things are looking up. By all indications, camp will be one of the best yet. Improvements on the grounds are numerous, including a completely renovated mitbach and chadar ochel (kitchen and dining hall), improved showers, a beautifully green sports field, and an improved waterfront.

For our meginim (those finishing grade 10), we run LSK, leadership seminar on kibbutz, a summer program in Israel, including a month stay on kibbutz where movement kids from Canada, the U.S. and England form a kvutza (group) with kibbutz kids.

The past year has taught us much about our movement and our place in the Jewish community. We look forward to a year of co-operation and good times with Ottawa's other Jewish youth groups.

Congregation Beth Shalom

Daniel Kimmel, President

The Synagogue year of Beth Shalom commenced with the installation of our new Spiritual Leader, Rabbi Dr. Basil Herring and Chazzan Sheini, Rabbi Jacob Merav.

Prior to the High Holy Days, the Memorial Tablet Dedication Program and Selichot Service took place and this ceremony brought out nearly 200 congregants.

Youth Sabbaths continue to be a regular feature in our yearly program — these are always highly successful and usually followed by a Congregational Kiddush which form part of the Beth Shalom Social and Family gatherings, thus maintaining the friendly and congenial atmosphere of which we are so proud.

Chevre Mishnays Sabbath and the Hebrew Free Loan Sabbath are held annually, and these two are followed by a Congregational Kiddush.

Other special Sabbaths held during the year include Remembrance Day Sabbath to which the Ministers of the Armed Forces and the Jewish Members' of Parliament are invited. This year Rabbi Herring shared the Pulpit with the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray, M.P. Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, and Brigadier Gen. M. Weisman.

Beth Shalom Family Brunch continues to be held every first Sunday in the month to which everyone is invited. We have had many guest speakers and other forms of entertainment which is a source of enjoyment to one and all, and attendance to them has been phenomenal. The penultimate Family Brunch was held in conjunction with the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Community Council, the Guest Speaker being Doctor Gabriel Ben-Dor, Israeli Political Scientist and noted Journalist. A fantastic turn-out was the result and it was a great experience listening to this well-informed professor. The final Brunch was again held jointly with the Jewish

Community Centre in honour of the Bingo Workers, who have given of their time and energy since its inception. We intend to continue with this Family Brunch which is welcomed by all our Members.

The Chanukah Festivities were jointly held by Beth Shalom and Agudath Israel with a Disco Dance, well attended and enjoyed by everyone.

Once again a Communal Seder was held here, conducted by Rabbi Dr. Basil Herring.

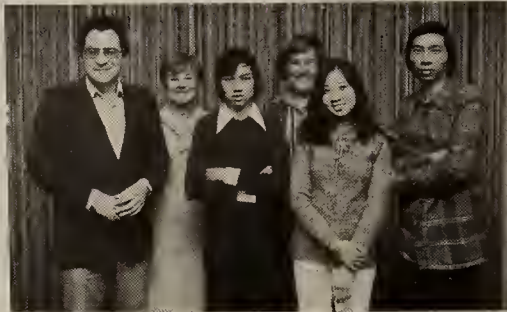
Another special Luncheon held this year was in honour of the Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem, Rabbi B. Zolti who visited Ottawa.

Early this year we took upon ourselves to sponsor a Vietnamese family as you will see from the picture. The family is settled into Canadian life; now has a good command of the English language and enjoys life in Canada.

The twenty-first Bat Torah Consecration Ceremony took place recently. The Sisterhood also had a varied program throughout the year, and continues to be an active Branch of Beth Shalom.

The Highlight of the year was the launching of our Satellite Synagogue — Beth Shalom West. For the time being services are being held at the Sir John A. MacDonald High School on Greenbank Road, and these Sabbath services are usually followed by a Kiddush. They have been well attended by mostly young couples and their families, and Beth Shalom feel that the need for a Shul such as ours is required to accommodate the many young Jewish families who have settled in the West-end suburbs of the city.

The year culminates with a Sports Program (Annual Picnic) which will be held at the Vincent Massey Park at the end of June. Parents and children are invited to join in the fun on this special day.



Adath Shalom Congregation

Lyon Gilbert, President

Adath Shalom Congregation celebrates its second anniversary this summer especially proud of its achievements to date. As a Conservative Synagogue, and one without clergy, added pressure is placed on its members to keep it religiously viable.

However, that is exactly where its success lies. With the exception of the High Holidays when a professional chazan is hired, the members of the Congregation run the services. Participation is family-directed. Every Shabbat, services are held at the Greenbank Elementary School on Greenbank Road in Nepean. The festivals are also observed with religious services along with culturally and socially-oriented

activities. The highlight of each of its services is the presentation by one of its members of a D'Var Torah followed by lively group discussion.

Some of the Synagogue's activities this year have included a picnic at Vincent Massey Park and Chanukah and Purim activities, especially oriented for the children. Fund-raising activities such as a raffle and sale of tee-shirts at the Book Fair have assisted it in its endeavours.

On the educational front, Adath Shalom has given instructional classes in Beginner's Hebrew and Shabbat Services. Adath Shalom certainly looks to the coming year to further its accomplishments.

Agudath Israel Congregation

Sidney Margles, President

The Agudath Israel Congregation continued its tradition of being the spiritual home for its members throughout 1979-80, and also acted as the focal point for a variety of community activities.

As the membership rolls topped 545 families, activities have become even more varied, to suit the needs and requests of the membership.

Therefore, in addition to the regular religious services, Agudath Israel members have become involved in the sponsorship of a Vietnamese refugee family, and have been host to several important meetings dealing with the plight of Soviet Jews and with Israel.

Both the Sisterhood and Men's Club played vital roles again in the past year, both in their programming and in their respective fund-raising activities.

While a Synagogue is not a business, it must be operated on good business principles and Treasurer Dennis Newton has introduced measures which have assisted in developing a budget which revenues and expenditures are not too far apart, no mean achievement in days when we all face rapidly rising costs of operation.

An ongoing highlight of activities was the regular Family Institute Series started by Rabbi Schreier to reinforce through

parental involvement the importance of the Bar and Bat Mitzvah being but a starting point in an expanded Jewish life.

Agudath Israel, this past year, also joined with the J.C.C. in the experimental use of a youth worker from the J.C.C. to act as leader for our youngsters' activities. The principal is a valid one; co-operation among community groups is desirable.

Agudath Israel has always supported educational activities, and in that vein, the past year saw authorization to the Ottawa Talmud Torah Board for the installation on Agudath's property of two temporary classrooms to assist in overcoming a crowding condition.

It might be appropriate to point out that Agudath Israel receives no rent for the space used by the school for its west-end branch; the school pays its share of direct operating costs.

In conclusion, while not wishing to infringe on the domain of the major sections of the Congregation, the Sisterhood and Men's Club, I would draw attention to the creation this past year, through the initiative of members of the Sisterhood, of the Amelia Loeb Landscaping Fund and the development of a Garden at the front entrance of the Synagogue to pay tribute to a late, great member of our Congregation.



Beth Shalom Sisterhood

Rose Taylor, President

Well, its that time of year again! We have reached the end of our regime and its time for me and my executive to pack up and move on. We have had a challenging, productive and rewarding 1979-80 and we have successfully achieved our spiritual, social and material goals. I feel good in making that statement because this year was not an easy one, but with the help of the Almighty, hard work on the part of myself, the executive and committee chairmen, together with the loyalty and understanding of our membership we did fulfill our goals.

In the spiritual and social sphere, and I must combine both as we attempted to interject a social atmosphere to all spiritual endeavours, we enjoyed a fair measure of success. Our Simchat Torah, Chanukah and Purim functions were very well attended, enjoyed by all and filled the Synagogue with new people, new spirit and new vitality. This year with a new Rabbi providing the incentive and encouragement to rally around, Sisterhood organized many small intimate home socials at which the Rabbi held discussions concerning religious solidarity and renewal.

In the realm of social service commitment, I would like to go on record that I recognize and appreciate all the work done by our Beth Shalom ladies on the Vaad Committees, Women's Division of U.J.A., etc. as well as the ladies, who although not on formal committees, rallied to a telephone call for help for kitchen duty, table setting, serving etc.

for the Golden Age Programme and Hillel Lodge Programmes, just to mention a few.

Most important, I wish to acknowledge with deep gratitude the work done and is still being done by our Sisterhood members for the Vietnamese Boat Family that Beth Shalom members collectively sponsored.

Our regular Sisterhood meetings were reduced in numbers, but were fairly well attended and provided interesting, versatile and entertaining programs. Our last meeting, held jointly with Machzikei Hadas Sisterhood, in particular, was highly successful and proves to be the thing of the future...joint endeavours.

It is a great pleasure to report that the financial projects we have initiated and which are an on going concern are very successful. Our budget has been continually replenished by the devoted efforts of our fantastic Bingo Committee ladies, our Silver Fund Chairmen and our Gift Shop Committee. These endeavours have enabled us to provide very ably for all our commitments to our Synagogue, our Community and all other social welfare agencies that we maintain and support.

I close with my thanks to Sisterhood for allowing me to serve it and thereby derive much satisfaction and benefit and wish my successor the best.

Congregation Machzikei Hadas

Harry Rosenberg, President

Machzikei Hadas was involved in a number of projects in different dimensions during the past year. Youth activities included three occasions when the youth of the Congregation led the entire Shabbat services. Additionally, there was a Junior Congregation which functioned on a weekly basis. Youth activities also saw a new twist in that the resources of Congregation Machzikei Hadas were joined together with those of Congregation Beth Shalom and Young Israel to form a common NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth). Although this only began in the second half of the year, it showed enough promise that this type of joint approach will be continued into next year. A few successful Shabbatons were held and other meaningful activities for the youth.

Towards the end of the year, a new Sunday morning post-Bar Mitzvah program was initiated, which met for davening and athletic activities following breakfast.

In the Adult Education sphere, there were a number of programs held during the year. On Hoshana Rabbah, the Congregation hosted a Dvar Torah Festival in which various contestants delivered short presentations on various Judaic themes. These presentations were judged on their merit and prizes were awarded for the best entries.

A Melave Malka evening was held in November 1979 to welcome the Ambassador of Israel to Canada, His Excellency Yeshayahu Anug. It was an opportunity to gather in the relaxed atmosphere of a social evening to hear the Ambassador and dialogue with him.

In April 1980, the Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem, Rabbi Zolty, paid a visit to Ottawa and Congregation Machzikei Hadas was host in a community-wide gathering to hear his address.

An innovation which was once again employed quite successfully was an Adult Shabbat in which the adult members of the Congregation, in a manner similar to the Youth Shabbat, took over the entire running of the Shabbat services. This, together with the Youth Shabbat experience, serves to not only give a sense of involvement to the shul membership, but also gives them a chance to develop their own skills.

As usual, there were classes available to the Congregation including a Talmud Shiur held each week, a class in Mishna Brura every Shabbat one half hour before services, a Rambam class during Shalosh Seudat, and when time allowed, a class in Jewish law between the daily Mincha and Maariv services, all led by Rabbi Bulka. Chazan Levinson also led a weekly class on Siddur and Chumash.

In the sphere of social activities, the Congregation hosted two movie nights which included an Italian night with an Italian dinner and a Chinese night with a Chinese dinner. The cuisine was followed by a movie and the general mingling of the people. These were very successful programs which will likely be repeated in the near future.

Additionally, the shul year was launched with a Gala Shul Barbecue at Vincent Massey Park, including fun and games for children and adults of all ages.

Included in the sphere of congregational activities were the occasional breakfasts on Sunday mornings, highlighted by a Purim Breakfast and Costume Contest, a Bond Breakfast honouring Rabbi Reuven Bulka to help increase the sale of State of Israel Bonds, the Annual Pesach Seder on the first night of Pesach, which this year included twenty-five Russian people, and the second annual congregational tour to Israel.

A special committee which was started this year was a Boat People Committee which brought into Ottawa, under its sponsorship, a Vietnamese family. The Committee saw fit to combine its resources with those of Agudath Israel Congregation and the combination of material and human resources available from the joint committee enabled them to bring in a larger family. This committee anticipates enlarging its scope into a committee of concern for newcomers to the city in need of assistance.

In the publication area, aside from publishing a bulletin on a regular basis, preceding major Jewish festivals, the congregation once again published a yahrzeit calendar for its membership. This calendar included the candle lighting times, Shabbos and Yom Tov ending times, quotable quotes from the Talmud, and the yahrzeiten observed by the members of the congregation.

No congregation can be sustained without the dedication of many individuals in the sphere of fund-raising. In its commitment to reduce its indebtedness without draining community resources, the Congregation once again involved itself in various spheres of fund-raising activities which this year made a slight dent in the overall indebtedness of the shul.

This report concludes with two highlight events which took place in the shul this year. The first was an evening reception in honour of Rev. & Mrs. H. Weissbord. Their many friends and admirers from across the community voluntarily contributed enough so that two Sifrei Torah were purchased in honour of the Weissbords and presented via them to the Congregation at a full house in the shul. The inspiring and heartwarming ceremonial was followed by a cocktail reception — a memorable evening for an eminently deserving couple.

The second highlight event was a first time experience for the city of Ottawa. During the winter break, Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim sent fourteen of its top personnel to Ottawa and Congregation Machzikei Hadas was transformed into a Yeshiva. Included in the Yeshiva were eight students and three couples. Classes were available for men, women, and children of all ages and at all times of the day and night. It is estimated that over 500 different people from all corners of the city came at various times to learn and to enjoy. Hopefully this will become an annual feature of the Machzikei Hadas calendar.



Agudath Israel Sisterhood

Cally Kardash, President

The activities of the Agudath Israel Sisterhood have been many and varied this past year. We now have approximately 500 members of which 200 participated in one area or another.

Our monthly meetings included the following activities.

In September at our opening meeting we were addressed by an ambitious young lady, Marilyn Levitan, who was co-founder and past executive director of Network — Jewish Students Union in Canada. We were informed about Jewish activities on the university scene.

In October, Sisterhood invited the Congregation to attend the ceremony dedicating the Amelia Loeb Gardens at Sukkot Services on October 7. Fran Greenblatt spoke about Mrs. Loeb, an inspiring past president who contributed so much to our Synagogue and was responsible for re-organizing Sisterhood into a strong organization of which we can all be proud.

On October 13, we held a successful Simchat Torah party for over 400 people.

In November, we honoured Lil David, a loyal Sisterhood worker, at a Israel Bonds evening.

Later that month, Rabbi Schreier presented a dramatization of Elie Wiesel's book "The Oath".

On December 12, we held our Annual Chanukah Gelt Luncheon. Our Rabbi presented "A Day in the Life of a Rabbi."

During Chanukah, we joined with Beth Shalom Synagogue and

had a Chanukah Disco Dance. Over 200 people attended.

Our successful cooking demonstration meeting took place in March.

On April 16, we held our Torah Fund Luncheon. Ottawa lawyer Glen Kealey spoke about family law reform. Our Rebetzin, Zelda Schreier presented a talk about the Seminary.

On May 14, we held a Mother and Daughter Installation Dinner. A dramatic workshop geared to young and old alike was performed by Natalie Gussman, a creative dramatics director.

Our major fund raiser, our Nearly New Shop under Milly Wolfe's command, has had its most successful year ever. Through the devoted efforts of a handful of people, the shop runs smoothly twelve months a year. This year's sales will reach approximately \$60,000.

Our Gift Shop fills a great need in our community as there are no retail outlets in Ottawa selling items of Jewish content. Chairman Elinor Ritt was creative and imaginative in her purchases and displays.

The women continued their Bible class every Tuesday morning with Rabbi Schreier. This year we began studying Bereshit.

Our year ended with our Annual Cinderella Ball honouring those who worked for the Nearly New Shop and those who contributed merchandise. Without these two groups, our shop would not be the success it is.



Young Israel of Ottawa

Morris Kimmel, President

Once again, the Young Israel Congregation enjoyed a stimulating and successful season. Immediately following the High Holy Days, an eight part series on the Jewish family examined various aspects of Jewish family life ranging over the education of children, family crisis, marital relations, health and nutrition and other topics. The series was well attended and each session featured a lay professional in the area under examination with Young Israel's Rabbi Berger complimenting the secular dimension of the program with a Torah perspective.

As usual, Simchas Torah, Chanukah and Purim were celebrated with programs open to the public and the annual Fall Shabbaton, which has become a Young Israel tradition, featured Rabbi Immanuel Schochet of Toronto as guest speaker on the topic "Jewish Philosophy and Mysticism". Rabbi Schochet, who is a renowned expert on cult phenomena in North America, also spoke about the worrisome participation of Jewish youth in cult activities and pointed to the evident correlation between lack of Torah commitment and observance in Jewish family life and the subsequent attraction of cults for Jewish Youth seeking meaning and purpose in life.

In addition to these special pro-

gram activities, weekly Chumash and Talmud classes were conducted by Rabbi Berger and lay members with a weekly session on the Mitzvoth beginning after the turn of the calendar year. A weekly Shiure, for women members of Young Israel, also began after January and will continue through the summer.

While these activities answered the educational needs of our members, the 1979-80 fiscal year finally saw the culmination of a ten year dream with the Congregation authorizing construction of a sanctuary on top of the existing structure at 627 Kirkwood Ave. A special fund-raising dinner early in the year resulted in members pledges of close to \$100,000 with the balance of funds required to be obtained by a combination of special fund-raising events and contributions from friends of Young Israel in the general community.

The new sanctuary is expected to be ready by mid-summer and special dedication ceremonies are now in the planning stages. Although there is a good deal of hard work ahead, the dedication and commitment of so many members have been a tremendous source of encouragement for the Officers and Board of Young Israel.

Canada Israel Cultural Foundation

Myrna Barwin, President

The Canada Israel Cultural Foundation is an organization which strives to make a variety of aspects of Israeli culture available to Canadians. Money raised by the Foundation is sent to Israel in the form of scholarships for promising young Israeli artists.

Our Membership function in October '79 was the 3rd Annual Art Exhibition at 'The Sussex'. Henri Masson officially opened the show which consisted of many beautiful works of art loaned by members and friends. In keeping with our general aims, all works shown were by either Israeli or Canadian artists.

We were fortunate this year in that the NAC had scheduled performances of three Israeli Violinists — Isaac Stern, Pinchas Zukerman and Shlomo Mintz. CICF obtained bloc bookings for these concerts. Those members who enjoyed the Isaac Stern performance met after the concert in the Cafe of the NAC for dessert and coffee. A real treat was in store for those who heard the newest rising international star, Shlomo Mintz.

The highlight of the year was our major fund-raising event — the CICF Supper with Pinchas Zukerman (himself a beneficiary of the America Israel Cultural Foundation). On February 6, we were treated to the hospitality of Ambassador and Mrs. Anug at the Israeli Embassy. Mr. Zukerman joined us for dinner and all agreed it was a wonderful evening. Money raised at the dinner will be used to purchase a musical instrument to be presented to an academy in Israel. In keeping with our philosophy of promoting culture, Mr. Zukerman conducted an Open Rehearsal of the Ottawa Youth Orchestra.



CICF co-operated with the JCC for Jewish Music Month and the performance given by the Israel Piano Quartet.

Members who attended the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Ami Chai Dancers at the NAC were invited to a back stage 'Passover Style' reception after the show.

In conjunction with the celebration of Yom Ha'Atzmaut, CICF presented an exhibition of Israeli Art in the Salon of the NAC — thus giving wide exposure to the high quality of the art of Israel.

In April the renowned Israeli Sculptor Aharon Bezalel gave a talk to members at the Sussex Gallery — concluding a successful and varied year for CICF.

Current membership is approx. 200 and is open to anyone interested in the promotion of Israeli culture. We look forward to an equally successful next year — new members would be most welcome.

B'nai B'rith Parliament Chapter 1041

Carole Silver, President

"Mankind owes to the child the best it has to give." This declaration of the United Nations was brought to our attention when the United Nations declared 1979 as the International Year of the Child. This was the inspiration which formed the basis of our financial and service programs of the year.

Our first venture, the sale of used toys and children's clothes was held on May 24. Due to the tremendous response of our members, we had excellent merchandise and many dedicated volunteers preparing the goods for sale and providing manpower. The impoverished children of the Adelaide Village School in Nassau, Bahamas were extremely pleased to receive the clothing we sent them after our bazaar. Parliament Chapter was able to provide some improvement to the quality of life of these deprived children.

Parliament Chapter's Annual Tea reflected the theme of the International Year of the Child. With the profound commitment of the total membership, we welcomed

the entire community to join us at the home of Marilyn Goldberg for an exhibition and sale of Toys of the World, and relish in the menu of children's favorites, party sandwiches. Through this major undertaking Parliament Chapter was able to meet its commitment to B'nai B'rith Women and the community.

Children, especially those who are handicapped have a right to proper treatment, according to the United Nations' Declaration on Children's Rights. In Israel the B'nai B'rith Women's Children's Home in B'ait V'gan is a treatment center for the rehabilitation of emotionally disturbed children 7 to 13 years of age. Graduates of the home, who are not ready to leave the sheltered atmosphere, continue their treatment at the B'nai B'rith Women Canada Group House. By purchasing Group House Cards or Children's Home Certificates or enrolling in the Chai Club we support this vital project.

In celebration of the Installation of Officers a special program booklet is prepared. With the con-

tributions of our advertisers we are able to raise the funds we require to meet our commitments. The sale of the cookbook "Second Helpings Please" and the information book of the Jewish Holidays "Tradition" have been ongoing fund-raising projects of our chapter. This year we participated in the 'Arts Alive' program at the Jewish Community Center in November.

The spirit of the B'nai B'rith Family was reflected in the second successful B'nai B'rith Bowlathon. With our own Barbra Snyder as chairperson we were able to involve the whole community in Ottawa to assist us in providing the furniture and equipment for a lecture room at the Civic Hospital. The Jewish Students' Union was also a recipient of assistance to their program.

At the Charity Bazaar at the St. Laurent Shopping Centre, Parliament Chapter had the most outstanding display. The sale of our bed dolls and 'LULUs' allowed us to help the recovering patients of the Kingston Psychiatric Hospital by providing them with work while we raised funds to meet our own commitments. The active participation of our volunteers produced excellent financial results.

In honour of the International Year of the Child, Parliament Chapter, under the direction of Barbra Snyder, produced a series of lectures entitled, Children and their World on October 16, 22 and 29, respectively. Each lecture dealt with an aspect of child development, and the topics were presented by the most knowledgeable speakers in the city. We were given new insights in-

to the complex world of children. The concentrated effort of our members in presenting this program was rewarded by the positive reactions of the audience.

"We shall not stand idly by", the B'nai B'rith motto was illustrated by our membership when we signed a petition addressed to Premier Kosygin requesting the release of Ida Nudel and other Jewish Refuseniks.

As part of our commitment to the local community Parliament Chapter provided manpower at the Canteen of the Civic Hospital the second Thursday of each month.

The League for Human Rights, a B'nai B'rith agency, is the watchdog of human inequality, working to create a better, more understanding society. In celebration of Brotherhood Week and in keeping within our theme, Parliament Chapter presented a League program, DOLLS FOR DEMOCRACY to a local Brownie pack located in the Glebe area. Twenty-five girls sat curiously fascinated as the stories of Martin Luther King, Pauline Johnson and Drs. Banting and Best were related. We are planning to increase our Doll for Democracy collection next year and to perform our program to many other groups.

Other programs we look forward to in the near future include a B'nai B'rith Blood Donor Clinic to take place in the fall. We are proud of Mera Goldstein who will lead us into this major event.

As I enter a second term of office as President of Parliament Chapter I wish to thank our executive and membership for their support and encouragement.

B'nai B'rith Women's Chapter 421

Vera Gara, Past President

Ottawa Chapter 421 has 155 members. We are an afternoon group. Our meetings take place on the first Wednesday of each month; in different private homes. Mrs. Anug, the Ambassador's wife, was one of our guest speakers. She is shown in the photograph at our first meeting of the year at the home of Ruth Aaron.

In the community we give service to the Civic Hospital Canteen on the second Thursday of each month, morning and afternoon. We work at the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic on the fourth Monday of each month. We play Bingo with the Perley Hospital residents. Prizes and refreshments are donated by the Chapter. We do the same at the C.N.I.B. once a year.

At least twice during the year we visit Hillel Lodge, provide entertainment and refreshments to the residents. Around Mother's Day, we present the ladies with flowers.

For the first time this year, our volunteers help at the Senior Citizen's Luncheon once a month at the J.C.C.

The Annual Blossom Tea held in June is our biggest fund-raising event.

The Second Annual Bowl-A-Thon that B'nai B'rith Family is sponsoring was again a great success.

At the Bond Dinner in November some outstanding ladies from our community were honored. Fran Greenblatt was chosen from our Chapter.



B'nai B'rith Parliament Lodge 2159

Irving Taylor, President

Parliament Lodge's priority in the allocation of funds this year was to needy Jewish causes in this city. But never did we shirk in our responsibilities to needy non-Jewish causes that came up from time to time. We are happy and proud to have financially supported the following Jewish organizations in this city:

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.....\$2,500.
Jewish Students Union on all 3 university campuses. 5,000.
Jewish Social Services Council.....3,500.
United Jewish Appeal.....2,000.

Plus we sponsored a team in the Jewish Men's Softball League — not to mention many other Jewish Clubs we assist in a lesser financial manner.

We are also proud of our Community Service Programme Committee, who are always busy putting on Bingos for the Blind, the sick and the elderly, and who are continually bringing a little happiness to shut-ins all over this community. We the members of Parliament Lodge have and do derive a lot of pleasure out of giving our time and monies raised to

Jewish agencies and institutions in order to help in some small way to bring a little happiness to those who are less fortunate than we.

Parliament Lodge B'nai B'rith was founded in 1957 with 100 charter members. We have grown to 287 paid up members. Most of our new members average 35 years of age, are married with 2-3 young children. We are proud of many of our members, who have taken leading positions in Jewish and non-Jewish institutions and organizations in this city. We know that many of the future leaders of this community will come from the ranks of Parliament Lodge.

Parliament Lodge had a successful fund-raising year. Our annual "Millionaire Night" was a sellout and a big success at the box office. We also were successful with the Annual B'nai B'rith Bowlathon, of which Parliament Lodge raised more money than all the other B'nai B'rith Lodges and Chapters. As these two major fund-raising events go — so goes our charitable donations programme for the year.

B'nai B'rith Bytown Lodge 3061

James Carroll, President

Bytown Lodge of B'nai B'rith is just completing its third year of operation. We are the newest of the Lodges in the Ottawa B'nai B'rith family.

During the 1979-80 season, we were involved in a variety of functions and activities.

In the area of membership, we are continually striving to increase our numbers with people who are dedicated to the ideals and interests of B'nai B'rith in general, and our lodge in particular. This task is now in the capable hands of Laurie Pascoe who is serving as our membership chairman for the coming year. We are confident that we will build upon our present membership number of 75 men.

Our fund-raising for the year was based on two major events. We had a raffle in late 1979 with a prize of a trip for two to Israel. This was a very successful event and all participants are to be heartily thanked for their efforts. We were also a participating Lodge and sponsor of the second annual Bowl-athon in January of this year. Funds raised have gone to furnish a lecture room at the Ottawa Civic Hospital as part of their building fund, as well as funding the Jewish Student Union/Hillel in equal partnership with the Vaad Ha'Ir.

The Jewish Student Union/Hillel is an area of major involvement for our Lodge. In addition to funding, we have provided liaison and back-up for the executive, and sports nights with the student members. Through basketball, floor hockey, and other sports, we have tried to form a bond with the students and an introduction to B'nai B'rith. It is hoped that they will continue with their involvement in B'nai B'rith once they have embarked on their chosen professions and careers.

Through Community Volunteer Services, for which B'nai B'rith is perhaps best known, we have worked with both the aged and

the youth. We are hosting an evening every second week at Hillel Lodge with a program varied to suit the tastes and interests of the residents. We provide Bingo nights, musical evenings, Yiddish stories, and friendly visits in an effort to show our appreciation to our elders for their past work and leadership on our behalf.

Our youth work is in the area of attempting to build B'BYO and strengthen it as an effective voice and focal point for Jewish youth in our community.

We are also working with Big Brothers by sponsoring a Bytown Lodge-Big Brother Car Rally with over 50 participants. This will result in big and little brothers working together in teamwork and cooperation to achieve a common goal.

Bytown Lodge has also spent a very successful year in increasing understanding of the Middle East, the various participants, and how their attitudes and behavior affect Israel and Jews throughout the world. The appearance of the Egyptian Ambassador as a speaker at one of our Lodge meetings showed for all that although the desire for peace in the Middle East may exist between the principles, old feelings and old sentiments still are active and should never for a moment be dismissed.

Ambassador Anug spoke to us within a few months of his appointment to Canada and gave insight toward the thinking of Israel and those who are working at finding a lasting peace.

In addition, we were treated to a variety of other speakers including Jacob Finkleman who spoke about the collective bargaining process; Jean Luc Pepin who spoke on his hopes for victory in the Federal election; Kung-Fu; and a Psychologist.

In all, our Lodge presented to our members and the community, a well balanced programme of interest and activity which will continue and grow in the coming year.

B'nai B'rith Ottawa Lodge 885

Leon Bronstein, President

Ottawa Lodge No. 885 B'nai B'rith currently in its 59th year enjoys a membership of approximately 300 men in the Ottawa Jewish Community dedicated to service to fellow Jews both at home and in Israel. Members of Ottawa Lodge have been active on many fronts, both philanthropic and service oriented in the past year.

Camp B'nai B'rith of Ottawa, owned and operated by Ottawa Lodge, continues to provide a summer of fun and activities for the children of the community. In the summer of 1979, over 550 children attended the camp at Quyon, Que.

Ottawa Lodge is also dedicated to caring for the elderly. Our mini bus and its drivers have provided many outings for members of Hillel Lodge during the year. Our members have also run bingos at Hillel Lodge every two weeks.

Beneficiary agencies of Ottawa Lodge also include the new Jewish Social Services Agency, the Jewish Students' Union and abroad spectrum of Jewish youth organizations and educational institutions.

B'nai B'rith runs its own youth program, the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization serving both boys, AZA, and girls, B'BYO activities are closely linked to both other Ottawa youth activities via the Teen Council and also to the broad B'BYO program coordinated from Toronto. All of the above have been supported in this past year by our two main fund-raising programs — a weekly Bingo run by our members and our annual Cadillac Draw.

This year, mainly from our car draw proceeds, Ottawa Lodge

donated \$10,000 to Project Renewal or Yehuda. In total in the past year Ottawa Lodge raised and allocated over \$40,000 in support of Jews around the world.

Ottawa Lodge has also been active in the broader Ottawa community this year through its Community Volunteer Services program — in driving the handicapped, elderly, etc. in the mini-bus, in providing manpower for telethons, walkathons, etc.

One of the highlights of the Lodge's program has always been the Annual Citizen of the Year Award Dinner. This year over 600 people, including prominent Canadians from across Canada, attended the dinner and joined us in honouring Hyman Soloway, Q.C., a prominent member of our community.

Ottawa Lodge also provided a broad range of programs and social events for its members and their wives in this past year. Over 30 couples attended the Annual B'nai B'rith District 22 Convention at the Nevele Country Club in June of last year, 150 members and the wives came out for our summer B-B-Q, and a busload of members and their children attended an Expos game last fall.

During the year executive and general meetings are held monthly. Speakers at our general meetings included Jean Piggott, Leib Zeisler, Ottawa JSU Co-Ordinator, Ted Greenfield, President-Elect of District 22, a local astrologer, Jeff Avery of the Ottawa Roughriders, and Dean Tower, an Ottawa marriage and child counsellor. This spring over 200 people attended our annual installation dinner dance held at the Machzikei Hadas Synagogue.

Pioneer Women Na'Amat

Betty Dover, President

This past year has once again been a most successful one for Pioneer Women Na'Amat. We have seen an increase in our membership and each of our members played a part in our own organization and within the Ottawa Jewish Community as a whole.

Once again we have been proud and honoured to publish the Ottawa Jewish Reference and Telephone Directory which this year was our 30th edition. Our Child Rehabilitation Tea and Spiritual Adoption Projects help provide the funds to make up our quota as required by the National Office in Montreal to maintain our numerous installations in Israel. The J.N.F. TuB'shavat Telethon was organized by our member Sarah Swedler.

Our ladies also worked very hard on the Histadrut Campaign. The funds this year are allocated to complete the much-needed dental clinic in Dimona, Israel. Pioneer Women and the Labour Zionist Council maintain the new Histadrut Centre at 1547 Chatelaine Avenue for our youth group Dror and members to meet.

This year as previously, we gave our support to U.J.A. Women's Division. Bonds honoured 11 women from different organizations in Ottawa. Pioneer Women chose to honour Sylvia Shinder for her dedication and devotion to Pioneer Women and the Jewish people. It was a beautiful evening and chaired by Women's Division Bond Chairperson, our own member Gladys Greenberg.

Shulamit Yellin, noted Canadian authoress, came to Ottawa



and an enjoyable evening was arranged at the Jewish Community Centre under the auspices of Pioneer Women and the Jewish Community Centre. The accompanying picture is of Shulamit Yellin and President of Ottawa Pioneer Women Na'Amat Council Betty Dover.

At Chanukah, we invited the Ottawa Jewish Community to participate in our "Dollars for David" Chanukah Fund Project and help a child of a soldier fallen or a disabled parent or a widowed mother in Israel. In December we also had a mini-seminar under the title of "Direction 1980" for our membership and Douglas Leopold well-known Montreal public relations consultant was the featured guest.

Pioneer Women had a Leadership Seminar in Israel this year and Ethel Malek represented Ottawa. Pioneer Women Na'Amat continue to make an impact on the Canadian scene as a vital, active organization and strive to educate our membership to the consciousness of their Judaism and Zionist ideology.

State of Israel Bonds

John Greenberg, Chairman



As I relinquish the Campaign Chairmanship of State of Israel Bonds after serving for a period of two years, I express my gratitude to the many members of our community who gave of their time and effort to help Israel increase the sale of its Bonds. During the past year \$810,000 was sold in the area serviced by the Ottawa office representing purchases by more than 900 persons. The result achieved in Ottawa was only a small portion of the \$396 million in Bonds and other securities sold throughout the world.

The initial campaign function was held in July when retiring Ambassador Mordechai Shalev and his wife were honoured at a reception, hosted by Gladys and John Greenberg at their home. More than 150 couples responded with purchases of a minimum of \$1,000. in honour of Mr. & Mrs. Shalev. This successful function was followed by intensive personal solicitation and culminated in the Yom Kippur Appeal in the Synagogues of Ottawa. While the response to the Yom Kippur Appeal resulted in some increased purchasing, the results were far short of expectations with only a small portion of the membership indicating support of Israel through the purchase of Israel Bonds. The percentage of purchases was between 20% and 30%, approximately the same as in previous years.

While all synagogues participated in the Yom Kippur Appeal, Congregation Machzikei Hadas went further by sponsoring a Breakfast honouring Rabbi Reuven P. Bulka. The Chief Rabbi of Haifa, Rabbi Shaare Cohen was guest speaker at the Breakfast and received a warm response.

During the year a closer working relationship was developed between the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir and the Ottawa State of Israel Bond Organization. A special committee was established to recommend changes in the Bond organization and in campaign approaches. These recommendations will be reflected in the 1980 campaign.

I am pleased to report that an increasing number of individuals in our community have availed themselves of the opportunity to

use State of Israel Bonds to meet their commitments to the many Israeli based institutions and organizations which seek funds in our Jewish community. Many new Bonds were purchased for those institutions and organizations and requests to transfer Bonds from an individual registrant were increasingly frequent. The gift of a Bond resulted in the issuance of income tax deduction receipts by the organizations to the donor. Occasional gifts of Israel Bonds were made to fulfill obligations to Project Renewal but these represented only a token of the total commitments to Project Renewal.

During the period of my Campaign Chairmanship from 1978 through 1979, some \$1 1/2 million was sent to Israel through State of Israel Bonds. As I turn over the chairmanship to my successor, Morton Taller, I thank the many members of our community who gave their support to Israel by purchasing Israel Bonds. We look forward to greater measures of cooperation from the community during the campaign which is soon to begin and we trust that in this 13th year of the reunification of Jerusalem, every member of our community will mark the occasion with a special Bar Mitzvah offering to Israel — a loan of funds through the purchase of State of Israel Bonds.

The words of Prime Minister Begin should serve as an urgent reminder to every member of the Jewish people of his responsibility to Israel.

"We are determined to have peace. But you must help us bear the costs. The role of Israel Bonds, in a Middle East at peace, is as demanding as its role in a Middle East at war. Therefore it is incumbent on every friend of Israel to rededicate himself, so Israel can strengthen her economy while she struggles for independence and freedom.

"Israel Bond purchases must go up 100% so we may have peace now ... for our children, and for our children's children. Let us rejoice and live in security, justice and freedom. Let us live in peace. Let everyone stand up and be counted!"

State of Israel Bonds Women's Division

Gladys Greenberg, Chairman



The Women's Division of State of Israel Bonds reached record sales of Israel Bonds during the year 1979. More than \$160,000 in Bonds were purchased by some 400 women during the course of the year.

While the results were commendable it is regretted that too few women in our community participate in the economic support of Israel through the purchase of Israel Bonds. Hopefully, an increasing number will recognize the importance of Israel's economic strength to its ability to negotiate the future of the Middle East and will lend increasing amounts of funds to Israel to build its economy.

A large number of women were individually canvassed by members of the Women's Division Bond committee resulting in many new first-time purchases. Our participation in the Yom Kippur Appeal in the synagogues also brought favourable results but unfortunately the percentage of responses fell short of the potential that I am convinced can be reached among Ottawa Jewish women.

With the cooperation of every women's organization in Ottawa, a major Women's Division Function was held on November 15, at Agudath Israel Congregation at which leaders of each participating Women's Organization were honoured. Israel Bond Merit Awards were presented to:

Mrs. Fannie Baker — Young Israel Sisterhood
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The noted Jewish humourist, Emil Cohen, entertained the large audience and encouraged additional purchases of Israel Bonds by individuals, organizations and shuls, with his wit and humour.

I am grateful to the arrangements committee, made up of representatives of the organizations, who helped in the success of this function and particularly Gally Kardash, Miriam Goldstein, Vera Gara and Myra Presser who gave generously of their time and effort and the many women who helped that evening to make everything run smoothly.

During the course of the year the Israel Bond Gift Club, through which contributions may be made towards the purchase of a Bond in honour of a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Graduation, Birthday, etc., received broader acceptance within the community and numerous gifts were received resulting in Bond gifts to the honoree. The Gift Club will continue to function and we look to the community to give even greater support than in the past to enable young people to build their bonds with Israel Bonds.

As I relinquish the Chairmanship of the Women's Division I hope that during my term in office we have alerted more women in our community to the importance of Israel Bonds and to the responsibility of women to help strengthen Israel's economy, and that this new awareness will result in substantial increases in the number of members of our community purchasing Israel Bonds.

Women's Auxiliary of Hillel Lodge

Rachel Nadolny, President



The Women's Auxiliary of Hillel Lodge are a compassionate, dedicated group of women, who give unselfishly of their time to all endeavours pertaining to the comfort and well-being of the residents in Hillel Lodge.

We have two large teas each year, fall and spring. Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah, Purim, Pesach, Shavuot, all holidays, we supply wine, cake, fruit and treats for the residents. On Purim, Shaloch Manus are distributed to each resident at a party with entertainment and music.

A special birthday party for the over "90" residents was well attended by their families and friends. Special gifts were presented to each plus a corsage.

A birthday party which encompassed all the residents' birthdays was recently held. Gifts of wearing apparel, birthday cake and candles, music and dancing were provided.

We supply money prizes for Bingo games.

We bought two bridge tables for use by the residents and a new clothes dryer for the laundry room. A refrigerator in the nurses office, for medical use only. We also refurbished a recreation room for the residents, we supplied tools and lumber for the carpentry workshop.

The Arts and Crafts program at the Lodge is another area of consistent participation of our Auxiliary, helping the residents to renew interests and skills.

Seminars for Auxiliaries of Homes for the Aged are always attended by us throughout the year.

At the Book Fair in the Community Centre, we sold our Arts and Crafts hand-made merchandise.

The annual picnic for the residents will be held early in July at a summer cottage.

Meetings are held once a month, our membership to date is 225.

Ottawa Histadrut Campaign

Josef Lebovic, Chairman

The Chairman and Campaign Committee conducted their 57th Annual Histadrut Campaign during the months of January and February.

Several well-attended meetings were held to organize our Campaign and we wish to extend our thanks to the many canvassers from the Histadrut League and the Pioneer Women Na'Amat.

A Blitz Telephone Canvass was organized by the Pioneer Women on Sunday mornings. This proved to be most successful and was well-received by our contributors.

This year our Campaign was dedicated to complete the building of a badly needed Dental Clinic in Dimona, Israel, which the city did not possess. This will be known as the "Ottawa Canada Dental Clinic."

Anyone visiting Israel can survey with pride the many fine institutions bearing the proud title of the "Ottawa Jewish Community"—the Medical Centre in Herzlia, a Cultural Centre in Petach Tikvah, the Youth Centre in Jerusalem, the Jewish Heritage Project in East Jerusalem and now the Ottawa Canada Dental Clinic in Dimona which will be completed this year.

A number of perpetual scholarships and bursaries have been donated to children from underprivileged families to enable them to enrol in Amal Vocational Training Schools.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our thanks to 900 or so contributors who have given generously to make this project a success.

National Council of Jewish Women

Myra Aronson, President

Council has enjoyed a highly-successful year in terms of fund-raising, programming and community service.

Our year began with an Afternoon of Champagne and Nostalgia honouring all our members of at least 15 years standing — approximately 70 women attended the Garden Party at the home of Bess Swedlove. The following evening prospective members were entertained at a party in their honour and were introduced to Council and its activities. Membership Week culminated with our Opening Luncheon free to all paid-up members. Over 130 women took advantage of this rare opportunity to lunch in the Railway Committee Room on Parliament Hill and to hear representatives of Canada's three major political parties discuss their hopes and aspirations as they prepared to convene the 31st Parliament.

In October, Council's regular activities began in earnest. In fact, I can't think of anything that better typifies what Council is all about than to describe the events that took place in the short period of time between October 16 and November 4. I am referring to the Israeli Brunch, the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Golden Age Club and the Seminar for Parents on Adolescence — three totally different types of programmes, meeting totally different objectives, and yet all under the auspices of Council.

The Israeli Brunch, under the chairmanship of Suzanne Kert Cohen, was both a social and — most important — financial success. As all the funds raised by this function are for Council's Israeli Family Counselling Association, both members and non-members had the opportunity to demonstrate their continued support of this most vital service.

As Council has sponsored the Golden Age Club since its inception, it was our pleasure to have hosted their 25th Anniversary Party in October. According to one of the guests "it was an evening to remember". And so it was. Under the chairmanship of Carol Kassie, the celebration was truly a gala, fun-filled event, complete with balloons, coloured streamers, delicious dinner, anniversary cake, music, entertainment, congratulatory telegrams and souvenir picture taking.

Everyone knows Council gives great parties and the two events discussed above attest to that. But needless to say our purpose and our obligation to the community have much wider parameters. On numerous occasions, our organization has assumed the role of innovator in our community and this was the case with our Seminar for Parents on Adolescence. Doris Bronstein assumed the task of organizing this event and with the support of

her own hard-working committee and the encouragement and assistance of the Royal Ottawa Hospital personnel, the Seminar proved to be an overwhelming success. The expertise available from the two key-note speakers and ten workshop leaders was eagerly sought out by the capacity crowd. As many late registrants had to be turned away, we had given our assurance to repeat the format this coming year and planning is already underway.

On May 4, we held our 23rd Annual Art Exhibition and Sale. Over 350 people attended the show which was preceded by a Cocktail Party. Those in attendance had a unique opportunity to view for purchase almost 200 works of art representing Canadian artists from coast to coast. This is Council's major fundraiser as monies raised from this event are used to fund our many community-oriented endeavours such as the Golden Age Club, scholarships to local universities and services for the Jewish Elderly. This year, under the able chairmanship of Rozzi Kanigsberg, the show was a huge success.

Yet to come is our Luncheon and Home Tour on June 10, the proceeds from which have been designated for the Burn Unit, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. Under the chairmanship of Nancy Gosewich, this event promises to be very exciting.

In conjunction with the planning and implementation of all these major projects, members still have had the opportunity to pursue and develop their own specific interests within a Council setting. Members enjoyed participation in the Gourmet Club, Study Group which this year devoted its attention to Multi-Media, and Playreading Group. In addition, we continued to service the Civic Hospital Canteen, the Golden Age Bingo, Perley Hospital and Citizenship Court. Members met at monthly luncheons which featured such programmes as Shaping up for Summer, an all day fitness programme at the Ottawa Athletic Club featuring a luncheon address by the Honourable Gerald Regan, Minister of Labour and Fitness and Amateur Sport; afternoon tea at the Mexican Embassy with Mrs. Patricia Gomez, wife of the Ambassador; a Gourmet cooking demonstration and talks on both Art and Jewellery for fun and profit.

In closing, we wish to thank all the members of the Ottawa Jewish Community who have enthusiastically supported us over the years. It is through your financial support of all the projects outlined in this report, that Council has been able to maintain its high-level commitment to the local and Jewish communities and to Israel.



Ottawa Women's ORT

Bonnie Carroll, President

On behalf of Ottawa Women's ORT, I would like to thank everyone in the community for their continuing support of our programmes. This was particularly appreciated in this our centennial year.

We have had a fabulous year and have been successful in all our endeavours. This report highlights our accomplishments.

Membership

Our membership numbers have increased somewhat this year. We have five active chapters plus a steady group to suit the needs of all ages and lifestyles.

Fund-raising

We are extremely proud of our fund-raising accomplishments as we have surpassed our expectations for dollars raised. Our major regional projects for 1979-1980 were:

1. Publication of a Calendar Year-book under the chairmanship of Libby Steinberg.
2. Our elegant SOS Tea chaired by Muriel Levine with the proceeds going to the Holon ORT School for disadvantaged youth.
3. Flowers for Mother's Day which was chaired jointly by all chapters.
4. Metres for Millions Walkathon chaired by Chris Shugar with the proceeds in aid of the Falasha Jews in Ethiopia.

Kadimah Chapter had several successful projects including a Chanukah Latke Lunch, an Art Auction, Christmas Gift Wrapping, a Roller Skate-A-Thon, and a Kid's Carnival. The other chapters held a variety of projects including phantom teas, garage sales, a Lucite Party and a Spring Tea and Fashion Show.

Programming

Our opening function was held on November 4 with Vladimir Halperin of World ORT Union as our guest speaker. This event launched our centennial year activities.

ORT, together with National Council of Jewish Women hosted a Purim Party at Hillel Lodge on March 2.

The Chapters' programmes em-

braced a wide variety of topic areas including Cults and Religious Deviance, Russian Jewry, Women in Judaism, sexual counselling, and craft and cooking demonstrations.

Centennial Activities

We participated with Women's Canadian ORT on events and activities which were designed to highlight the centennial. These were:

1. Co-sponsorship with the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) of a Canadian Conference on Technology and Human Development which took place in late January in Toronto. ORT sponsored this Conference to impart our experience for innovative technical education programmes to the leaders in education, industry, government, and labour. Canada now faces the challenge of achieving high technology and full employment while the labour market for skilled technicians and workers faces an acute shortage.
2. The attendance of several Ottawa members at our 15th Biennial Convention in Israel from May 28 to June 9.
3. The inclusion of Ottawa membership names in a "Birthday Book" which will be presented during the Convention and will be on permanent display at the Jerusalem ORT School.

Community Involvement

As members of the Ottawa Jewish Community, we have actively participated in events which are geared to the benefit of this community or Israel. These events included:

1. The State of Israel Bond function where we were proud to honour Greta Cohen.
2. Participation in the Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebrations.
3. Providing canvassers for U.J.A. and an ORT walkathon contingent.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to the members of Ottawa Women's ORT who worked so hard to make this year a success.

Labour Zionist Council

Harry Goldstein, Chairman

On behalf of the Labour Zionist Council of Ottawa, I wish to submit my report on our activities for the past year.

Our Annual Ottawa Histadrut Campaign was conducted under the capable chairmanship of Josef Lebovic and his hard-working committee. All monies raised were dedicated to complete the building of an Ottawa Canada Dental Clinic in Dimona, Israel.

We are grateful to the Ottawa Jewish Community for generously supporting our successful appeal.

We published our 30th Annual Jewish Telephone Directory. Our dedicated and hard-working Pioneer Women, under the chairmanship of Doreen Bodnoff, have done an outstanding job in publishing the 1980 Telephone Directory. This reference book is well-received in our community and is used extensively.

The Dror-Habonim Youth Group has expanded tremendously under the leadership of Shaul Webber. To-date, they boast over 100 members. The Labour Zionist Council pledges its full support to this Youth Group.

The Labour Zionist Council has undertaken to supervise Camp Geshet and make contributions to improve and enlarge the facilities of this camp. We invite Ottawa Jewry to visit Camp Geshet on Highway 41 off Kaladar.

The Labour Zionist Council holds meetings with representation from the Histadrut League, Pioneer Women Na'Amat, and Dror-Habonim Youth Group.

Our Council is instrumental in activating groups in our community endeavours such as the Holocaust Memorial, United Jewish Appeal, Bonds and J.N.F. Negev Dinner.



Jewish National Fund Council

Herbert Zagerman, Chairman



The Jewish National Fund Council of Ottawa is comprised of the Executive Committee, the JNF representatives of the Ottawa Community Organizations and the professional staff in Montreal.

The Executive Committee for 1979-1980 was comprised of the following:

Chairman: Herbert Zagerman; Vice Chairmen: Harry Goldstein, William Grossman, John Tavel; Honourary Secretary: Sonia Kizell; Inscriptions & Blue Boxes: Ellen Lithwick; Foundation Gifts, Samuel Taller, David Zelikovitz; Tu B'Shvat Telethon, Sarah Swedler, Advisory Committee, David Shore, Charles Taylor, Rose Taylor; Past Chairmen, Lazarus S. Greenberg, Hugo Levendel, Muriel Levine, Samuel Taller, Harry Weidman.

The Ottawa Negev Dinner, which is the highlight of the Jewish National Fund Calendar was held on October 31 at the Jewish Community Centre in tribute to Hugh M. Grant. "Hughie" is modest, unassuming and a good friend to the Jewish and general Community. So it was not surprising that the 1979 Dinner chaired by Hyman Soloway was the most successful Ottawa Negev Dinner to date. The Souvenir Programme prepared for the occasion, boasted more paid ads than for any previous Dinner.

The 1980 Tu B'Shvat Telethon was once again chaired by Sarah Swedler and took place on February 3 with volunteers from all sections of the Jewish community. In spite of unfortunate "circumstances beyond our control" the Telethon proved to be a successful effort, with a final figure of \$5,810 to cover the sale of 1162 trees.

A total of nine committee meetings were held in preparation for the Hugh M. Grant Negev Dinner, the Tu B'Shvat Telethon,

selection of a 1980 Honouree and election of officers for 1980-1982.

I am pleased to announce that Bertram Loeb has agreed to be the Honouree at our 1980 Negev Dinner scheduled for Tuesday, October 28 at the Jewish Community Centre and that Norman Zagerman will act as Dinner Chairman for the evening.

I am also delighted to report that the following slate of officers officially assumed their position at our June 9 meeting:

Chairman, David Shore; Vice Chairmen, William Grossman, Lisa Cogan, Harry Goldstein; Honourary Secretary, Sonia Kizell; Inscriptions & Blue Boxes, Ellen Lithwick; Tu B'Shvat Telethon, Claire Bercovitch; Cash Flow Chairman, Samuel Taller; Advisory Committee, David Zelikovitz, Charles Taylor, Rose Taylor; Past Chairmen, Lazarus S. Greenberg, Hugo Levendel, Muriel Levine, Samuel Taller, Harry Weidman, Herbert Zagerman.

The work of the JNF goes on 365 days a year through the sale of Trees, Land Redemption Certificates, Inscriptions and Foundation Projects. Some of these come directly to our office via the toll free line: 1-800-361-8459. However, a substantial amount is raised through the hard work of our Inscriptions Chairman, Ellen Lithwick and the cooperation, good will and generosity of our community.

I would take this opportunity to express my thanks on behalf of the Ottawa JNF Council to the Officers, Board and professional staff of the Vaad Ha'Ir for their ongoing support and cooperation.

And, in closing, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the devoted Executive Committee who helped make my two years as Chairman both pleasurable and successful.

Canada-Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges

Professor Eugene Rothman, Academic Director

Professor Maureen Molot, Associate Academic Director

The 1979-80 academic year was an extremely active one for the Canada-Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges.

Four full-time visiting professors were appointed Canada-Israel Exchange Fellows at Canadian universities. They were Gabriel Ben Dor (Chairman, Political Science, Haifa University) at Carleton's Department of Political Science; Mikhael Harsgor (History, Tel Aviv University) at the University of Montreal's Department of History; Mordechai Tamarkin (Department of Middle East History, Tel Aviv University) at Concordia's Department of History; and, Mordechai Abir (Dean, School for Overseas Studies, Hebrew University) at York University's Department of History.

All the scholars made a tremendous contribution to their respective institutions and communities. They taught undergraduate and graduate courses, supervised student research, lectured widely before Jewish and general audiences and appeared frequently on radio and television. The impact of these scholars was so great that a number of other universities approached the Foundation in order to participate in the exchange programme.

The current academic year also saw the expansion of the Foundation's programme designed to assist Canadian scholars wishing to visit, teach and carry out research in Israel. The Foundation established an Academic Advisory Committee, consisting of leading scholars in various fields from across the country, to administer the Canadian Government's programme in Canadian Studies at the Hebrew University. Professor John van der Kamp, Chairman, Department of Economics, Guelph University, is the current visitor.

In addition, the Foundation and the Quebec Government announced the inauguration of a Quebec Lectureship, whereby a Quebec scholar visits Israel and lectures at the major universities for a month and an Israeli scholar visits Quebec's universities each year. Professor Desrocher of the University of Montreal has just returned from Israel, and Professor Ze'ev Sternhell of the Hebrew University will lecture in Quebec in the fall.

A new agreement in principle has just been made with Carleton University with the aim of encouraging scholars at that institution to visit Israel for up to one full semester. It is hoped that the first Carleton scholar will participate in the exchange during the 1980-81 academic year.

A number of other Canadian scholars, among them the Dean of Law at the University of Toronto, have been assisted by the Foundation which now serves as a clearing house for academic exchange between Canada and Israel.

The 1980-81 academic year promises to be an even more active one. There will be full-time visiting professors at six universities: Concordia, University of Montreal, Carleton, York University, McGill University and the University of British Columbia. These last two institutions are participating in the programme for the first time.

We also expect to expand the programme for Canadians visiting Israel. Several universities and government agencies have expressed interest in assisting this aspect of our activities.

Our plans for the future are to consolidate the funding for Foundation activities, institutionalize agreements for reciprocal exchange and strengthen our presence in Western Canada.

Association for enrichment of Jewish Heritage

Rabbi Mordecai Y. Berger, Founder

The Association for Enrichment of Jewish Heritage is a group of individuals dedicated to fostering and strengthening Yiddishkeit in the Ottawa Community.

Founded by Rabbi Mordecai Berger, the Association concentrates a large part of its efforts on working with Jewish youth and this past year has been working with Jewish students at Ashbury College. Twice-weekly meetings were held at the school and activities included a Purim program and a Shabbaton at a private home.

The Association also subsidized activities of Chavurah 613 at Carleton University and brought Rabbi Dr. Immanuel Shochet to Ottawa to speak to the students about sects and missionary groups.

A weekly half-hour radio program, devoted to Jewish themes

and music, called "Sunday Simcha" and hosted by Rabbi Berger and Earl Miller, is another dimension of the Association's efforts to reach out to the Jewish Community in Ottawa. This is now in its fourth year of operation, and is heard every Sunday from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. on CKCU-FM (Radio Carleton).

From its humble beginning in 1977 as a two-hour a day summer play group for twenty children, Camp Gan Israel developed into a full-fledged, popular day camp which in 1978 served over seventy youngsters, and in 1979 accommodated two hundred and forty children.

This is part of the Association's outreach program for Jewish youngsters in the community to have a meaningful experience in a fully traditional Jewish environment.

The operation of an afternoon

school, Sundays through Thursdays, provides students from Public or Hillel Schools the opportunity to attend classes twice a week to enhance their Jewish knowledge and commitment. This program is now completing its third year under the direction of Rabbi David Hayes.

1978 saw the establishment of Gan Yilodim, a daily pre-school program for three to five-year olds, where children learn and grow up in a traditional Jewish

environment under the leadership of Chana Hayes. In 1979 the school served fifty children and has now blossomed from a pre-school into a French-immersion Hebrew day school, offering grade 1 as well in 1980-81. Ecole Maimonides School anticipates an enrolment of eighty children in the fall. Tuition fees and various fund-raising projects provide the means to carry on the Association's work.



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